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I INTRODUCTION

This report is a theoretical and experimental analysis of a model (Wyngaard and LeMone, 1980) used to calculate the refractive index structure function parameter, C_n^2, at the interfacial region at the top of an entraining, turbulent mixed layer. C_n^2 is related to the micrometeorological structure functions for temperature, C_T^2, humidity, C_Q^2, and T-Q covariance, C_{TQ}. The mixed layer interfacial region is important for EM propagation because C_n^2 is greatly increased by large T and Q fluctuations due to the entrainment of warm, dry air from the nonturbulent atmosphere above the mixed layer.

Assuming that the rate of entrainment is in equilibrium with the free tropospheric virtual potential temperature (buoyancy) lapse rate, the model indicates that C_X^2 is proportional to $(\Delta X)^2\ \theta_{v*}\ Z_i^{-2/3}/\Delta\theta_v$ where X is T or Q, ΔX the jump at the interface, Z_i the height of the boundary layer and θ_{v*} the convective temperature mixed layer scaling parameter. The theoretical basis of this model is examined and four data sets from the NPS aircraft measurements program are used to test the model.

II THEORY

A. Background

The structure function parameters for temperature, C_T^2, and specific humidity, C_Q^2, are to be evaluated in the inversion region by averaging between heights $Z = h_o$ and $Z = h_2$ (see Fig. 1). The complete theory was developed by Wyngaard and LeMone (1980), hereafter referred to as WL, so only a summary of the derivation will be presented in this report. In a few instances WL's work will be expanded to make certain assumptions and manipulations more explicit.

The height h_o is defined as the top of the mixed layer where $\overline{w\theta}_v = 0$. At h_2 both fluxes and flux divergences are equal to zero. The average structure functions are

$$\langle C_T^2 \rangle = \Delta h^{-1} \int_o^2 C_T^2 \, dZ \tag{1a}$$

$$\langle C_Q^2 \rangle = \Delta h^{-1} \int_o^2 C_Q^2 \, dZ \tag{1b}$$

where $\Delta h = h_2 - h_o$ and the 0, 2 on the integral denotes h_o, h_2.

The average structure functions are related to their respective dissipation rates by the Corrsin equation

$$\langle C_T^2 \rangle = 1.6 \langle \varepsilon \rangle^{-1/3} \langle X_\vartheta \rangle \tag{2a}$$

$$\langle C_Q^2 \rangle = 1.6 \langle \varepsilon \rangle^{-1/3} \langle X_Q \rangle \tag{2b}$$

where ε is the rate of dissipation of turbulent kinetic energy, X and X_Q are the scalar dissipation rates (the factor 1.6 implies X is the rate of dissipation of temperature variance $\overline{\vartheta^2}$).

B. Evaluation of $\langle X \rangle$

For the moment, the development will be confined to the specific humidity (Q). The dissipation rate is calculated from the scalar variance budget equation (Q denotes mean while q denotes fluctuating specific humidity; later in the paper q will denote mixing ratio, Q/ρ).

$$dv/dt + Wdv/dZ + d(\overline{wq})/dZ + 2\,\rho\overline{wq}\; d(Q/\rho)/dZ = -X_Q \qquad (3)$$

where $v = \overline{q^2}$, W is the mean vertical velocity (subsidence) and ρ is the density of air. Integrating this equation from h_o to h_2, as in Eq. 1, yields

$$\langle X_Q \rangle = -\langle D_Q \rangle - \langle T_Q \rangle - \langle P_Q \rangle \qquad (4)$$

where D is the first two terms in Eq. 3, T (transport) the third and P (gradient production) the fourth. Assuming "quasi-steady" conditions, WL show that $\langle D_Q \rangle$ and $\langle T_Q \rangle$ are negligible compared to $\langle P_Q \rangle$; therefore

$$\langle X_Q \rangle = -\langle P_Q \rangle \qquad (5)$$

At this point the generalized inversion structure model (Deardorff, 1979) is introduced

$$Q = Q_o + \Delta Q\ f(Z); \qquad h_o<Z<h_2 \tag{6a}$$

$$dQ/dZ = \Delta Q\ df/dZ \tag{6b}$$

where $f(Z)$ describes the shape of the Q profile in the inversion region (assumed to be the same for Q and T) with $f(h_o) = 0$ and $f(h_2) = 1$, Q_o is the mixed layer value and ΔQ the jump in Q across the inversion. Substituting Eq. 6b into Eq. 5 and integrating by parts one obtains

$$-\langle P_Q\rangle \Delta h = 2\ \Delta Q \int_o^2 d(\overline{wq})/dZ\ f dZ \tag{7}$$

The mean Q continuity equation

$$-d(\overline{wq})/dZ = dQ/dt + W\ dQ/dZ \tag{8}$$

is used in Eq. 7 to obtain

$$-\langle P_Q\rangle \Delta h = -2\Delta Q \int_o^2 dQ/dt\ f dZ - 2\Delta Q \int_o^2 W\ dQ/dZ\ f\ dZ \tag{9}$$

The time derivative of Eq. 6a

$$dQ/dt = dQ_o/dt + f\ d\Delta Q/dt \tag{10}$$

and Eq. 6b can be substituted into Eq. 1a. First the "quasi-steady" assumption is invoked, setting the following conditions

$$d\Delta Q/dt = 0 \tag{11a}$$

$$d\Delta\theta_v/dt = 0 \tag{11b}$$

$$dh_o/dt = 0 \tag{11c}$$

$$d\Delta h/dt = 0 \tag{11d}$$

However, since

$$dh_o/dt = W_o + W_{eo} \tag{12}$$

then Eq. 11c implies $W_{eo} = -W_o$. Assuming constant divergence

$$W = W_o\, Z/h_o \tag{13a}$$

$$dW/dZ = W_o/h_o \tag{13b}$$

$$W_2 = (1 + \alpha)\, W_o \tag{13c}$$

where $\alpha = \Delta h/h_o$ is the normalized thickness of the interfacial region. Employing these relations in Eq. 9 and doing the second integral by parts gives

$$-\langle P_Q \rangle \Delta h = -2\Delta Q\, hY_Q\, dQ_o/dt + (\Delta Q)^2 W_{eo}(1+\alpha-\alpha Z_Q) \tag{14}$$

where the interfacial functions Y_Q and Z_Q are

$$Y_Q = \Delta h^{-1} \int_o^2 f \, dZ \tag{15a}$$

$$Z_Q = \Delta h^{-1} \int_o^2 f^2 \, dZ \tag{15b}$$

The time derivative term in Eq. 14 is eliminated by integrating the conservation equation (Eq. 10) from h_o to h_2

$$\Delta h dQ_o/dt - W_{eo} \Delta Q(1 + \alpha - \alpha Y_Q) = \overline{wq_o} \tag{16}$$

which is substituted into Eq. 14 to obtain (WL Eq. 42)

$$-\langle P_Q \rangle \Delta h = -2\Delta Q Y_Q \overline{wq_o} + (\Delta Q)^2 W_{eo}[-2Y_Q(1+\alpha-\alpha Y_Q)+(1+\alpha-\alpha Z_Q)] \tag{17}$$

Later in their paper, WL use the equation

$$-\Delta Q \, W_{eo} \, (1 + \alpha - \alpha Y_Q) = \overline{wq_o} \tag{18}$$

which, in view of Eq. 14, obviously implies $dQ_o/dt = 0$. Since WL have already required that $d\Delta Q/dt = 0$, this solution appears to be quite restrictive. If Eq. 18 is used in Eq. 17 then

$$-\langle P_Q \rangle \Delta h = (\Delta Q)^2 W_{eo} \, (1 - \alpha - \alpha Z_Q) \tag{19}$$

Despite the simplicity of Eq. 19, WL prefer to keep the $\overline{wq_o}$ term separate in their development. The primary reason for this is to simplify the analagous development for θ_v since $\overline{w\theta_v}_o = 0$. Therefore, WL now employ the "quasi-steady" entrainment formula

$$W_{eo} = 0.8\, W_* \, S^{-1}/(1+\alpha) \tag{20}$$

where

$$S = g\Gamma_{\theta 2}\, h_o^2/(W_*^2 T) \tag{21}$$

with $\Gamma_{\theta 2} = d\theta_v/dZ$ at $Z = h_2$ and W_* is the convective scaling velocity ($Z_i = h_o/0.8$)

$$W_*^3 = g\, \overline{w\theta_{vs}}\; Z_i/T \tag{22}$$

and "s" denotes the surface value.

Rather than make an explicit substitution for W_{eo} at this point, one could keep W_{eo} as a variable, giving

$$\langle X_Q \rangle = -2\Delta Q\, Y_Q\, \overline{wq_o}/(\alpha h_o) + (\Delta Q)^2\, W_{eo}(1+\alpha)SF_Q/h_o \tag{23}$$

where

$$F_Q = [-2Y_Q\,(1+\alpha-\alpha Y_Q) + (1+\alpha-\alpha Z_Q)]/(\alpha(1+\alpha)S) \tag{24}$$

Using the WL solutions obtained for Eq. 24 (and $Y_Q \approx 1/2$)

$$F_Q = (6R)^{-1} \tag{25}$$

then

$$\langle X_Q \rangle = -\Delta Q\, \overline{wq_o}\, Y_Q/(\alpha h_o) + (\Delta Q)^2 W_{eo}(1+\alpha)S/(6Rh_o) \tag{26}$$

Where

$$R = g\, \Delta\theta_v\, h_o/(W_*^2 T) \tag{27}$$

The final result is obtained by substituting for $\overline{wq_o}$ in Eq. 26. First the θ_v continuity equations at h_o and at h_2 are

combined with the h_o to h_2 integral form similar to Eq. 16 to produce the relation

$$d\ \Delta\Theta_v/dt + W_{eo}\ \Delta h(1+\alpha)\Gamma_{\theta 2} - W_{eo}\ \Delta\Theta_v(1+\alpha-\alpha Y_Q) = \overline{w\theta_{vo}} \qquad (28)$$

Since WL assume $d\Delta\Theta_v/dt = \overline{w\theta}_{vo} = 0$,

$$\Delta\Theta_v(1+\alpha-\alpha Y_Q) = \Gamma_{\theta 2}\ \ h(1+\alpha) \qquad (29)$$

Using Eq. 29 and Eq. 18 in Eq. 26, one obtains

$$\langle X_Q \rangle = (\Delta Q)^2\ W_{eo}(1+\alpha)S(1+6^{-1})/(h_o R) \qquad (30)$$

Note that the first term in Eq. 26 (which was proportional to $\overline{wq_o}$) is six times as large as the second term (WL obtain 15/2 for this ratio because they use two separate formulae for W_{eo} which differ by a factor of 4/5, i.e. 6*5/4 = 15/2).

The development for temperature is parallel until the θ_v equation analagous to Eq. 26 is reached. Since $\overline{w\theta}_{vo} = 0$, the final result is

$$\langle X_\theta \rangle = (\Delta\theta_v)^2(1+\alpha)W_{eo}\ S/(6Rh_o) \qquad (31a)$$

$$\langle X_Q \rangle = 7(\Delta Q)^2(1+\alpha)W_{eo}\ S/(6Rh_o) \qquad (31b)$$

C. Structure Functions

The final step in this process is to specify that $\langle e \rangle$ is one

half the value typically found at Z_i under convective conditions

$$\langle\varepsilon\rangle^{1/3} = (0.2)^{1/3} W_* Z_i^{-1/3} \tag{32}$$

Assuming the "quasi-steady" entrainment rate, the structure functions become

$$\langle C_Q^2\rangle = 3.9(\Delta Q)^2 \theta_{v*}/(Z_i^{2/3}\Delta\theta_v) \tag{33a}$$

$$\langle C_{Tv}^2\rangle = 0.5\Delta\theta_v \theta_{v*}/Z_i^{2/3} \tag{33b}$$

where $\theta_{v*} = \overline{w\theta}_{vs}/W_*$. The virtual temperature structure function is related to the temperature structure function, C_T^2, by

$$\langle C_T^2\rangle = 2 T_i \langle C_{Tv}^2\rangle/\Delta\theta_v \tag{34}$$

where T_i is the function given by WL.

One point worth more discussion is the approximation $F_Q = (6R)^{-1}$ and the final forms of Eq. 31. Suppose the results of Eq. 19 were used and a different function defined

$$\langle\chi_Q\rangle = (\Delta Q)^2 w_{eo}(1+\alpha) S G_Q/h_o \tag{35a}$$

$$\langle\chi_\theta\rangle = (\Delta\theta_v)^2 w_{eo}(1+\alpha) S F_Q/h_o \tag{35b}$$

where F_Q remains as per Eq. 19 but

$$G_Q = (1+\alpha - \alpha Z_Q)/(\alpha(1+\alpha)S) \tag{36}$$

Using Eq. 29 one can show

$$F_Q = G_Q - 2Y_Q/R \tag{37}$$

Following the calculations WL have in their Appendix A, α, F_Q and G_Q are unique function of R/S (providing the mixed layer gradient is zero). G_Q is considerably less variable than F_Q. The following formula are reasonable approximations for $0.1<R/S<10$

$$\alpha = 0.96\ R/S - 0.11\ (R/S)^{1.5} \tag{38a}$$

$$G_Q = (1 + 0.064\ \sqrt{R/S})R^{-1} \tag{38b}$$

$$F_Q = (1 + 0.28\ \sqrt{R/S})R^{-1}/6 \tag{38c}$$

These formulae lead to slight modifications to the structure function equations

$$\langle C_Q^2 \rangle = 3.3\ (\Delta Q)^2 \theta_{v*} / (Z_i^{2/3} \Delta\theta_v) \tag{39a}$$

$$\langle C_{T_v}^2 \rangle = 0.57\ (\Delta\theta_v)\theta_{v*} D_T / Z_i^{2/3} \tag{39b}$$

where $D_T = 1 + 0.22\ \sqrt{R/S}$.

The equations for C_Q^2 and C_T^2 can be written in various general forms (now dropping the bracket notation)

$$C_X^2/((\Delta X)^2 D_X E_X) = 1.14\ \theta_{v*}/(\Delta\theta_v z_i^{2/3}) \tag{40}$$

or, without substituting explicitly for W_{eo} and ε

$$C_X^2/((\Delta X)^2 D_X E_X) = \frac{0.53(1+\alpha)\Gamma_\theta W_{eo}}{\Delta\theta_v \langle\varepsilon\rangle^{1/3}} \tag{41}$$

where $D_Q = 1$, $E_Q = 3$, and

$$E_T = T_i/\Delta\theta_v \tag{42}$$

D. Discussion

It is of interest to ponder the significance of the various "quasi-steady" assumptions (Eq. 11, 12, 13). Suppose we exhume the original conservation equation integrals from Deardorff's (1979) paper (his Eq. 18 and 21). Assuming only horizontal homogeneity and constant divergence, the general equations become

$$\Delta h\ dQ_o/dt + \Delta h Y_Q\ d\Delta Q/dt - \Delta Q[(1 - Y_Q)\ W_{e2} + Y_Q W_{eo}] = \overline{wq}_o \tag{43a}$$

$$\Delta h\ d\theta_{vo}/dt + \Delta h Y_Q\ d\Delta\theta_v/dt - \Delta\theta_v[(1 - Y_Q)\ W_{e2} + Y_Q\ W_{eo}] = 0 \tag{43b}$$

Thus Eq 16 and the θ_v analogue can be reproduced by requiring

$$W_{e2} = (1 + \alpha)\, W_{eo} \tag{44a}$$

$$d\Delta Q/dt = d\Delta\theta_v/dt = 0 \tag{44b}$$

It is not necessary to require $W_e = -W$, $dh_o/dt = dh_2/dt = d\Delta h/dt = 0$. This explains why WL found excellent agreement with Aschurch data where $W = 0$ and $W_{eo} \simeq 10$ cm/s.

Similarly, the general forms for the dissipation integrals are

$$-\langle P_Q\rangle \Delta h = -2\Delta h\ \Delta Q Y_Q dQ_o/dt - 2\Delta h Z_Q \Delta Q d\Delta Q/dt + (\Delta Q)^2[(1 - Z_Q)\, W_{e2} + Z_Q W_{eo}] \tag{45a}$$

$$-\langle P_\theta\rangle \Delta h = 2\Delta h \Delta\theta_v\ (Y_Q^2 - Z_Q)\ d\Delta\theta_v/dt + (\Delta\theta_v)^2[-2Y_Q[(1 - Y_Q)\, W_{e2} + Y_Q\, W_{eo}] + (1 - Z_Q)\, W_{e2} + Z_Q\, W_{eo}] \tag{45b}$$

which reduce to Eq 14 if the conditions of Eq 44 are met.

Since entrainment and surface flux tend to counteract each other in the Q case, it seems quite reasonable to assume that the $d\Delta Q/dt$ and dQ_o/dt terms are negligible in Eq 45a

$$-\langle P_Q\rangle \Delta h = (\Delta Q)^2\ [(1 - Z_Q)\, W_{e2} + Z_Q\, W_{eo}] \tag{46}$$

Instead of making the assumption Eq 44a, suppose we simply assume

$$W_{e2} = W_{eo} = \alpha \overline{w\theta}_{vs}/\Delta\Theta_v \tag{47}$$

which is the standard cloud-free result from Lilly (1968) where typically $\alpha = 0.2$. Then one can easily show that

$$\langle c_Q^2 \rangle = 3.3\ (\Delta Q)^2\ \theta_{v*}/(z_i^{2/3}\Delta\Theta_v) \tag{48}$$

which is identical to the WL result as expressed in Eq. 39a! In other words, the combination of "quasi-steady" assumptions $W_{e2} = (1 + \alpha)W_{eo}$ and $W_{e2} = \overline{w\theta}_{vs}/(\Gamma_\theta h_o)$ are equivalent to the assumptions of Eq. 47 even though they may imply vastly different entrainment rates.

If one uses the assumptions of Eq. 47 and parallels the WL development, then the equivalent to Eq. 18 is

$$\overline{wq}_o = -\Delta Q\ W_{eo} \tag{49}$$

and the equilibrium condition form the θ_v equation is

$$\overline{w\theta}_{vo} = W_{eo}\ (\alpha h_o \Gamma_\theta - \Delta\theta_v) \tag{50}$$

which, assuming $\overline{w\theta}_{vo} = 0$, gives

$$\alpha = R/S \tag{51}$$

The results for θ_v are also interesting because it is not clear that the $d\Delta\theta_v/dt$ term should be negligible compared to the

other terms in Eq 46 b. Suppose we let

$$-\langle P_\theta \rangle \Delta h = A + B \tag{52}$$

Then the $d\Delta\Theta_v/dt$ term is small if A/B is small (returning to the "quasi-steady" format)

$$A/B = \frac{h_o(Y_Q^2 - Z_Q)\ d\Delta\Theta_v/dt\ 6(R/S)}{\Delta\Theta_v\ (1 + \alpha)\ W_{eo}} \tag{53}$$

Since $Y_Q^2 - Z_Q \approx -0.1$, we can write

$$A/B = \frac{-0.6\ h_o(R/S)\ \ d\Delta\Theta_v/dt}{(1 + \alpha)\ W_{eo}\ \Delta\Theta_v} \tag{54}$$

The magnitude of A/B can be examined by using the general relation

$$d\Delta\Theta_v/dt = -d\Theta_o/dt + \Gamma_\theta W_{e2} \tag{55}$$

and writing a simple entrainment formula (e.g. "quasi-steady")

$$W_{e2} = \overline{w\theta_v}_s/(\Gamma_\theta h_o) \tag{56}$$

The integral of the conservation equation from $Z = 0$ to $Z = h_o$ gives

$$h_o \, d\theta_{vo}/dt = \overline{w\theta}_{vs} + W_{eo}\Delta\theta_v \tag{57}$$

therefore

$$d\Delta\theta_v/dt = - W_{eo}\Delta\theta v/h_o \tag{58}$$

using Eq. 54 we find

$$A/B = \frac{0.6}{(1+\alpha)} \, R/S \tag{59}$$

A good example is the Aschurch data quoted by WL where Eq. 57 was shown to be applicable. Since R/S = 0.3 for that data, A/B = 0.15 and $d\Delta\theta_v/dt$ is negligible.

Certainly the conditions set by WL are consistent with neglecting $d\Delta\theta_v/dt$. It is not clear how to identify conditions where this assumption is invalid. Eq. 54 cannot provide much guidance because it is based on solutions to Eq. 28 with $d\Delta\theta_v/dt = 0$. It is interesting that in the conditions where the WL equations for "quasi-steady" entrainment are expected to breakdown ($\Delta\theta_v$ large, R/S >1) then the Lilly type relations give the same results for C_Q^2. If the $d\Delta\theta_v/dt$ term becomes important, then one anticipates the WL formulation will underestimate C_T^2.

III ATMOSPHERIC DATA

A. Measurement Techniques

The measurements were made using a single engine Bellanca Viking aircraft operated by Airborne Research Associates of Weston, MA. The instrumentation and data processing have been previously described in detail (Fairall et. al., 1980; Schacher et. al., 1980) so only a brief summary is given here.

i) Mean temperature, T: platinum resistance sensor with standard aircraft mount.

ii) Mean humidity, Q: cooled mirror dew cell.

iii) Mean windspeed, U: estimated at the surface from the sea state and DMV navigational aid. The present LORAN system was not available.

iv) Sea surface temperature, T_s: Barnes PRT-5 IR radiometer.

v) C_T^2: microthermal sensors (4.5 μm dia. tungsten) in the paired configuration.

vi) C_Q^2: Lyman-alpha fast humidiometers using the inertial subrange filter method. Absolute calibration based on comparison with a microwave refractometer.

vii) ε: hot wire (4.5 μm dia. tungsten) constant temperature anemometer. The inertial subrange filter method was used.

B. Surface Fluxes and Turbulence Scaling Parameters

Surface fluxes were evaluated from aircraft measurements using two methods: a) bulk aerodynamic and b) dissipation (inertial subrange). The fluxes are defined in terms of the

following scaling parameters:

momentum: $$\rho\overline{uw}_s = -\rho u_*^2 \quad (60a)$$

sensible heat: $$\rho C_p \overline{w\theta}_s = -\rho C_p u_* T_* \quad (60b)$$

moisture: $$\rho\overline{qw}_s = -\rho u_* q_* \quad (60c)$$

The momentum flux is also referred to as the Reynolds stress, τ. Note: the bulk method was not used overland.

1. Bulk aerodynamic method.

The exact details were described in a recent paper (Davidson et al, 1981). Using Eq. 4a from that paper, one can relate the values of some meteorological variable (temperature, moisture or wind speed) at the sea surfce, X_s, and at some height Z in the surface layer, X_z, to the scaling parameter, X_*:

$$u_* = u_z k[\ln (Z/Z_0) - \Psi_u (Z/L)]^{-1} \quad (61a)$$

$$T_* = (T_z - T_s)\ \beta k[\ln (Z/Z_{oT}) - \Psi_T (Z/L)]^{-1} \quad (61b)$$

$$q_* = (q_z - q_s)\ \beta k\ [\ln (Z/Z_{oT}) - \Psi_T (Z/L)]^{-1} \quad (61c)$$

where Z_o and Z_{oT} are roughness lengths, L is the Monin-Obukhov length, β and k are constants, and Ψ_u and Ψ_T are empirical functions.

2. Dissipation method.

The dissipation method relies on semi-empirical relationships of inertial subrange turbulence to surface-layer scaling parameters (Fairall et al., 1980). The equations are

$$u_* = [(\varepsilon k Z)/\phi(Z/L)]^{1/3} \quad (62a)$$

$$T_* = [Z^{2/3} C_T^2/f(Z/L)]^{1/2} \quad (62b)$$

$$Q_* = [Z^{2/3} C_Q^2/(A f(Z/L)]^{1/2} \quad (62c)$$

where ε is the dissipation rate, ϕ and f are empirical functions, and A is a constant. Because the structure-function parameters C_T^2 and C_Q^2 are related to the square of the scaling parameter, a sign ambiguity exists. This can usually be eliminated by examining the low-level height dependence of ε, C_Q^2 and C_T^2 because the functions ϕ and f have characteristic profiles for stable and unstable conditions.

Both methods yield accuracies on the order of 10% for u_*, ± 0.02°C for T_* and ± 0.02 g/m^3 for Q_* (note: $q_* = Q_*/\rho$).

C. Data Sets

The data given in this report were obtained in four field programs:

i) Panama City (PC), 1978 (more detail available in Fairall, 1979) over the Gulf of Mexico in Florida.

ii) White Sands (WS), 1979. Two profiles over the desert under highly convective daytime conditions.

iii) MAGAT (MG), 1980 (more detail available in Fairall, 1980) in the Monterey Bay area.

iv) Bahamas (BH), 1980. A series of profiles taken near Andros Island in the late fall.

The complete data sets were examined to remove profiles that encountered boundary-layer clouds. A total of 23 profiles were selected. Graphs of the mean and turbulence profiles for each case are given in Appendix A. A summary of the basic scaling parameters is given in Table 1.

TABLE 1.

Meteorological data and surface scaling parameters from the cloud free NPS data sets.

#	Site	Date	Time	u_*	T_*	q_*	Z_i	$\Delta\theta_v$	ΔQ	α	Γ_θ
				ms^{-1}	K	gkg^{-1}	km	K	gm^{-3}		Kkm^{-1}
1	PC	11/26	1252	.40	-.082	-.16	.85	1	-6.5	.4	5.5
2	PC	11/26	1436	.23	-.095	-.16	.90	.5	-2.3	.1	5.3
3	PC	12/2	1405	.24	-.14	-.18	.23	4	-.5	.7	4.6
4	PC	12/10	1324	.38	-.35	0	.91	6	-1	.35	10
5	PC	12/10	1410	.32	-.49	-.49	.75	.3	-1	.15	11
6	PC	12/10	1523	.34	-.48	-.48	.85	3	-1.3	.25	11
7	PC	12/10	1637	.34	-.49	-.50	1.1	3	-3	.1	17.5
8	PC	12/11	1021	.28	-.44	-.43	.7	3	-1	.5	9.5
9	PC	12/13	1154	.19	0.21	-.47	.6	1.5	.2	.35	10
10	PC	12/13	1459	.17	-.20	-.42	.5	.5	-2	.4	11
11	WS	10/17	1330	.47	-.42	0	1.1	1.5	-2.5	.1	3.0
12	WS	10/18	1330	.47	-.42	0	1.9	1.5	-2.5	.1	3.3
13	MG	4/30	1610	.28	-.078	-.11	.36	6.5	-4.5	.35	9
14	MG	5/4	1024	.21	-.085	-.11	.36	11	-5.2	.4	10
15	MG	5/4	1201	.30	-.075	-.12	.46	9	-5.2	.5	15
16	MG	5/4	1244	.30	-.075	-.12	.54	9	-5	.2	15
17	MG	5/7	1043	.41	-.04	-.05	.23	7	-2	.5	9
18	BH	12/12	1414	.15	-.16	-.27	.5	1	-2.5	?	5
19	BH	12/13	1540	.33	-.30	-.39	.65	0	0	?	4.8
20	BH	12/14	1330	.23	-.17	-.27	.90	2.5	-8.5	.15	6.3
21	BH	12/15	1333	.20	-.16	-.26	1.5	3.5	-9	.15	5.5
22	BH	12/15	1347	.20	-.16	-.26	1.5	3.5	-9	.3	5.5
23	BH	12/15	1637	.14	-.14	-.25	1.1	1	-4.5	.4	6.3

IV. RESULTS

A summary of the secondary scaling parameters used for the NPS data set is given in Table 2. Also shown in Table 2 is a comparison of the measured and model assumed values for ε at the inversion. With very few exceptions, the model assumption (Eq. 32) is very good. The entrainment velocities calculated from the "quasi-steady" assumption used by WL (Eq. 20) and the more conventional parameterization of Lilly (1968).

$$w_{eo}/w_* = 0.2\ \theta_{v*}/\Delta\theta_v \tag{63}$$

are also calculated.

In Table 3 are the measured values of C_T^2 and C_Q^2 at the inversion plus their normalized forms

$$I_X = z_i^{2/3}\ C_X^2/((\Delta X)^2\ D_X\ F_X) \tag{64}$$

taken from Eq. 40. According to WL (Eq. 26), the theoretical value is

$$I_C = 1.14\ \theta_{v*}/\Delta\theta_v \tag{65}$$

which is the same for T and Q.

A direct comparison of measured and calculated values of C_T^2 and C_Q^2 is given in Fig. 2. The model predicts the measurements within a factor of three. The uncertainty is slightly greater than the factor of two suggested by WL but

Table 2.

Surface scaling ($\overline{w\theta}_{vs}$ and L), convective scaling (W_*, θ_{v*} and ε_i) and inversion scaling (R, S and W_{eo}) parameters. Two formulae are used to estimate W_{eo}: "steady" is Eq 20 and "Lilly" is Eq 64.

#	$\overline{w\theta}_{vo}$	L	W_*	R	S	R/S	$\langle\varepsilon_i\rangle^{1/3}$		W_{eo}		θ_{v*}
	Kms^{-1}	m	ms^{-1}				$m^{2/3}\ s^{-1}$		$cm\ s^{-1}$		K
							meas	calc	Steady	Lilly	
1	.044	-125	1.1	33	103	.32	.063	.066	.81	.88	.04
2	.028	- 50	.93	16	160	.1	.096	.058	.65	1.1	.03
3	.040	- 29	.67	67	18	3.7	.10	.063	2.7	.2	.06
4	.13	- 34	1.6	70	105	.67	.074	.095	1.3	.43	.081
5	.19	- 15	1.7	25	70	.36	.073	.11	2.4	1.3	.11
6	.19	- 17	1.7	29	90	.32	.084	.11	2.0	1.3	.11
7	.20	- 16	1.9	30	190	.16	.071	.11	1.2	1.3	.11
8	.14	- 24	1.5	30	65	.46	.11	.096	1.7	.93	.093
9	.056	- 10	1.0	29	82	.35	.063	.072	.8	.74	.056
10	.048	- 9	.92	10	105	.10	.10	.069	.75	1.9	.053
11	.20	- 45	1.9	14	32	.44	.11	.11	6.6	2.7	.11
12	.20	- 45	2.3	17	71	.24	.11	.11	3.4	2.7	.087
13	.027	- 70	.65	110	77	2.2	.13	.056	.84	.08	.042
14	.022	- 38	.6	110	84	3.7	.046	.053	.59	.04	.037
15	.02	-120	.7	250	170	1.5	.087	.051	.39	.04	.029
16	.02	-120	.75	280	170	1.6	.046	.051	.24	.04	.027
17	.02	-300	.5	200	54	3.7	.063	.051	.89	.06	.04
18	.03	-9.5	.79	26	63	.4	.040	.059	.96	.6	.038
19	.12	- 27	1.37	0	36	0	.10	.093	3.1		.088
20	.049	- 22	1.12	60	134	.45	.084	.072	.9	.4	.044
21	.039	- 17	1.24	110	265	.42	.055	.063	.48	.22	.032
22	.039	- 17	1.24	110	265	.42	.11	.063	.45	.22	.032
23	.024	- 10	.95	40	280	.14	.048	.063	.3	.48	.025

Table 3.

Measured values of the interfacial structure functions (C_T^2 and C_Q^2) and their resultant values for

$I_X = z_i^{2/3} C_X^2/((\Delta X)^2 D_X F_X)$ where X=T or Q These are compared with theoretical values, I_c, using the "steady" and "Lilly" entrainment values.

	$\langle C_T^2 \rangle$	$\langle C_Q^2 \rangle$	D_T	E_T	I_T	I_Q	I_c (Theory)		I_T/I_c	I_Q/I_c
	$K^2 m^{-2/3}$	$(gm^{-3})^2 m^{-2/3}$					Steady	Lilly		
	MEAS	10								
1	.3		1.12	8.1	.003		.048	.048	.065	
2	5.6		1.07	5.1	.396		.068	.11	5.7	
3	5		1.42	.58	.014		.017	.0013	.82	
4	12		1.18	.61	.044		.015	.005	2.9	
5	11		1.13	.73	.135		.042	.0023	3.1	
6	5.7		1.12	.80	.064		.042	.027	1.5	
7	9		1.09	1.23	.079		.042	.046	1.9	
8	43		1.15	.73	.45		.035	.019	13	
9	6.1		1.13	1.5	.12		.043	.040	2.8	
10	3.4		1.07	4.4	.18		.12	.30	1.5	
11	9.2		1.15	1.8	.22		.084	.034	2.6	
12	3		1.11	1.8	.10		.066	.052	1.5	
13	2.5	3.9	1.33	1	.0023	.0033	.0074	.0007	.31	.45
14	1.3	2	1.42	.83	.0005	.0012	.0038	.0003	.13	.33
15	10	9.8	1.27	.90	.0063	.0072	.0037	.0005	1.7	1.9
16	2.8	25	1.29	.89	.0020	.022	.0035	.0006	.57	6.3
17	1.7	1.6	1.42	.69	.0013	.0050	.0065	.0004	.20	.77
18	6.8	33	1.14	2.6	.15	.11	.042	.026	3.6	2.6
19	.6	3.3	1							
20	2.7	16	1.16	3.6	.0093	.0069	.020	.009	.47	.35
21		70	1.15	2.7		.038	.010	.0042		3.8
22		16	1.15	2.7		.0087	.010	.0042		.87
23		55	1.08	5.0		.097	.029	.0046		3.3

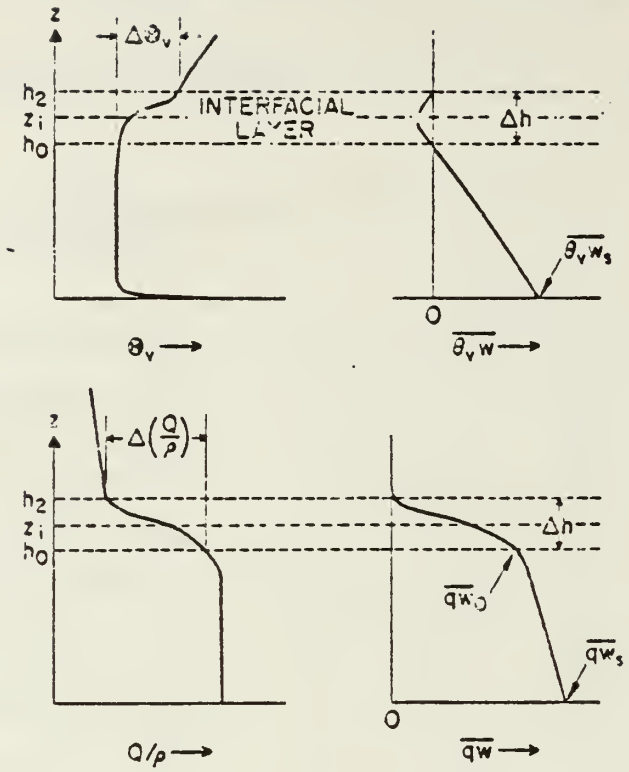

Figure 1. Schematic representation of the convective boundary layer (taken from Wyngaard and LeMone, 1980) with its interfacial layer showing h_0, z_i, h_2, Δh, fluxes and jumps. Note that $\Delta\theta_v = \theta_v(h_2) - \theta_v(h_0)$ is positive while ΔQ is negative.

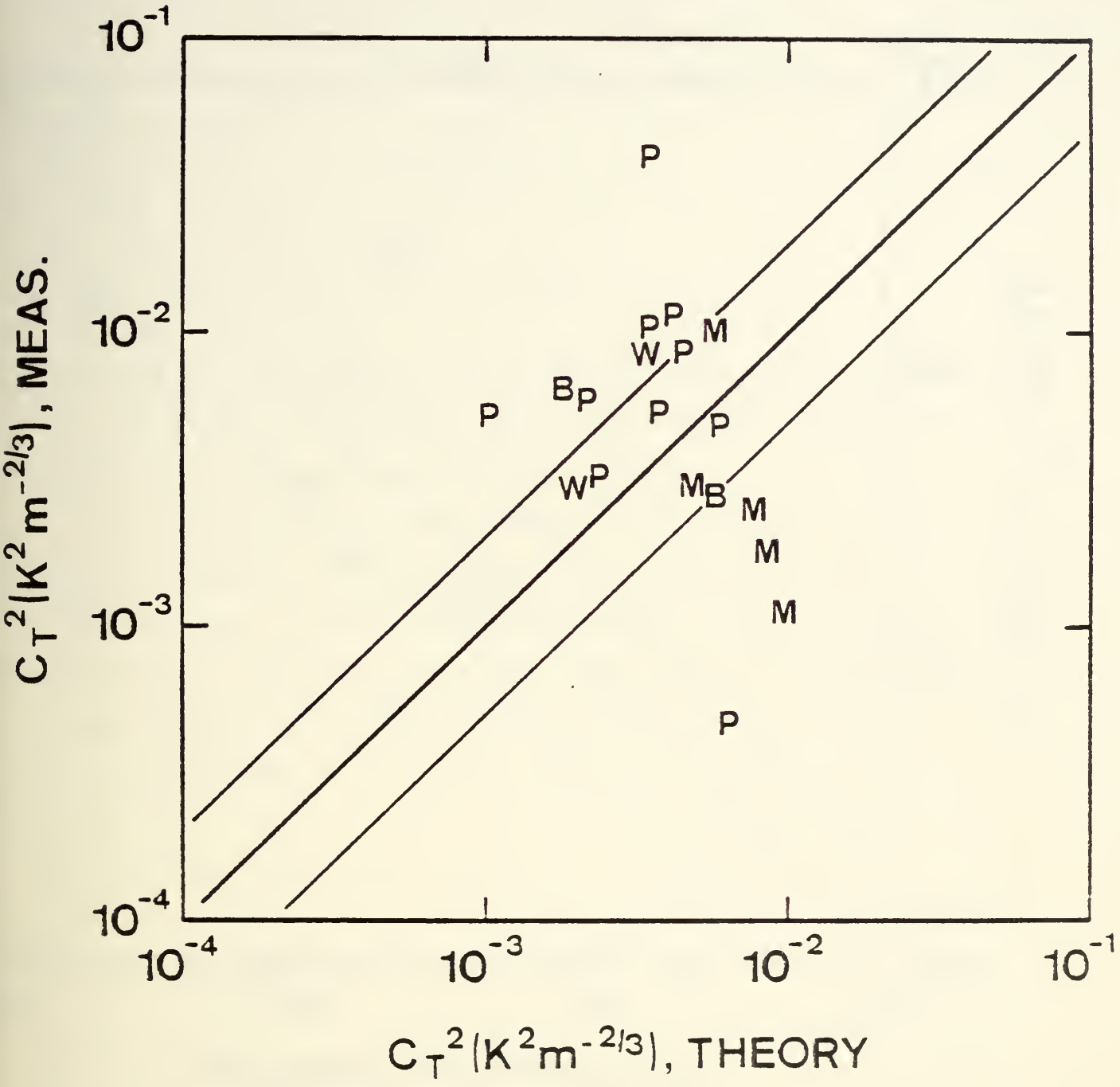

Figure 21. Comparison of measured inversion layer structure function, C_T^2, versus OL theory. The data points are indicated by the first letter (P,W,M,B) of the experiment.

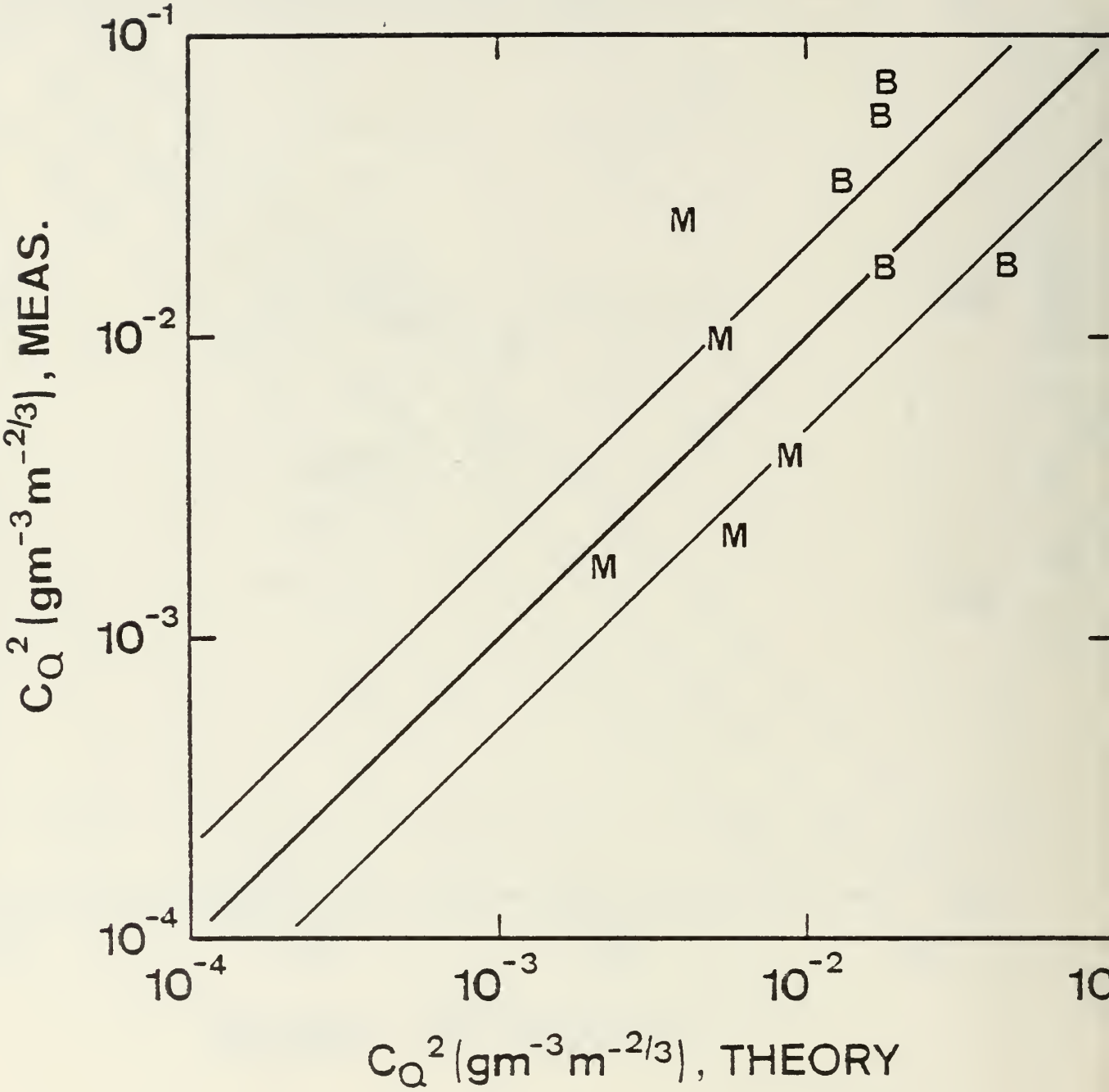

Figure 2b. Similar to Fig. 2a but for C_Q^2.

includes various measurement errors and uncertainties. Note that the C_Q^2 data has a greater range of values than C_T^2. This is consistent with the WL model. If we examine the function

$$H = z_i^{2/3} C_X^2/(D_X \theta_{v*}) \tag{66}$$

then

$$H_T = F_T \Delta\theta_v \tag{67a}$$

$$H_Q = (\Delta Q)^2/\Delta\theta_v \tag{67b}$$

A graph of H_T and H_Q is shown in Fig. 3 for a typical range of $\Delta\theta_v$ and ΔQ from the NPS data set. Note that H_T varies roughly from 2 to 9 while H_Q varies from 4 to 72.

The entrainment parameterization was tested (Fig. 4) by plotting measured values of I_X(Eq. 65) against the model value (Eq. 66) which is based on the entrainment formula given by WL (Eq. 26). This plot gives a much higher correlation than a similar graph (not shown) using the more traditional formula due to Lilly (1968), Eq. 62, which gives

$$I_c' \text{ (Lilly)} = 0.18 (1+\alpha) \Gamma_\theta z_i \theta_{v*}/(\Delta\theta_v)^2 \tag{63}$$

This is not really significant because, when used in proper combination with Eq. 48, the Lilly formulation also leads to Eq. 66.

In order to look for systematic errors, the ratios (R_T and R_Q) of measured to model values of C_T^2 and C_Q^2 were calculated and plotted against $\Delta\theta_v$ (Fig. 5). A simple

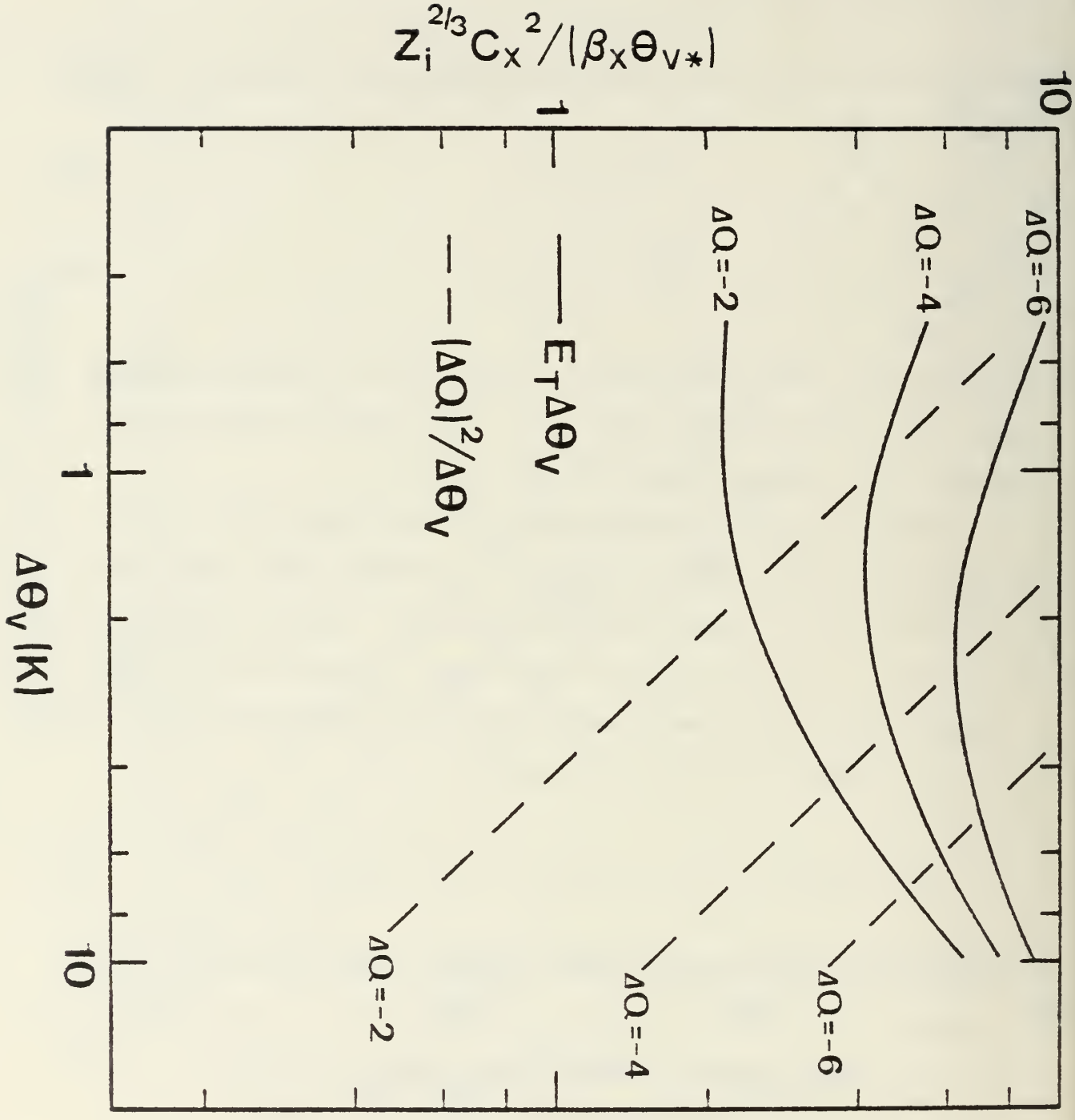

Figure 3. Theoretical expression for E_T and E_Q (Eq. 66) illustrating the difference between the dependence of C_T^2 and C_Q^2 on $\Delta\theta_v$ and ΔQ.

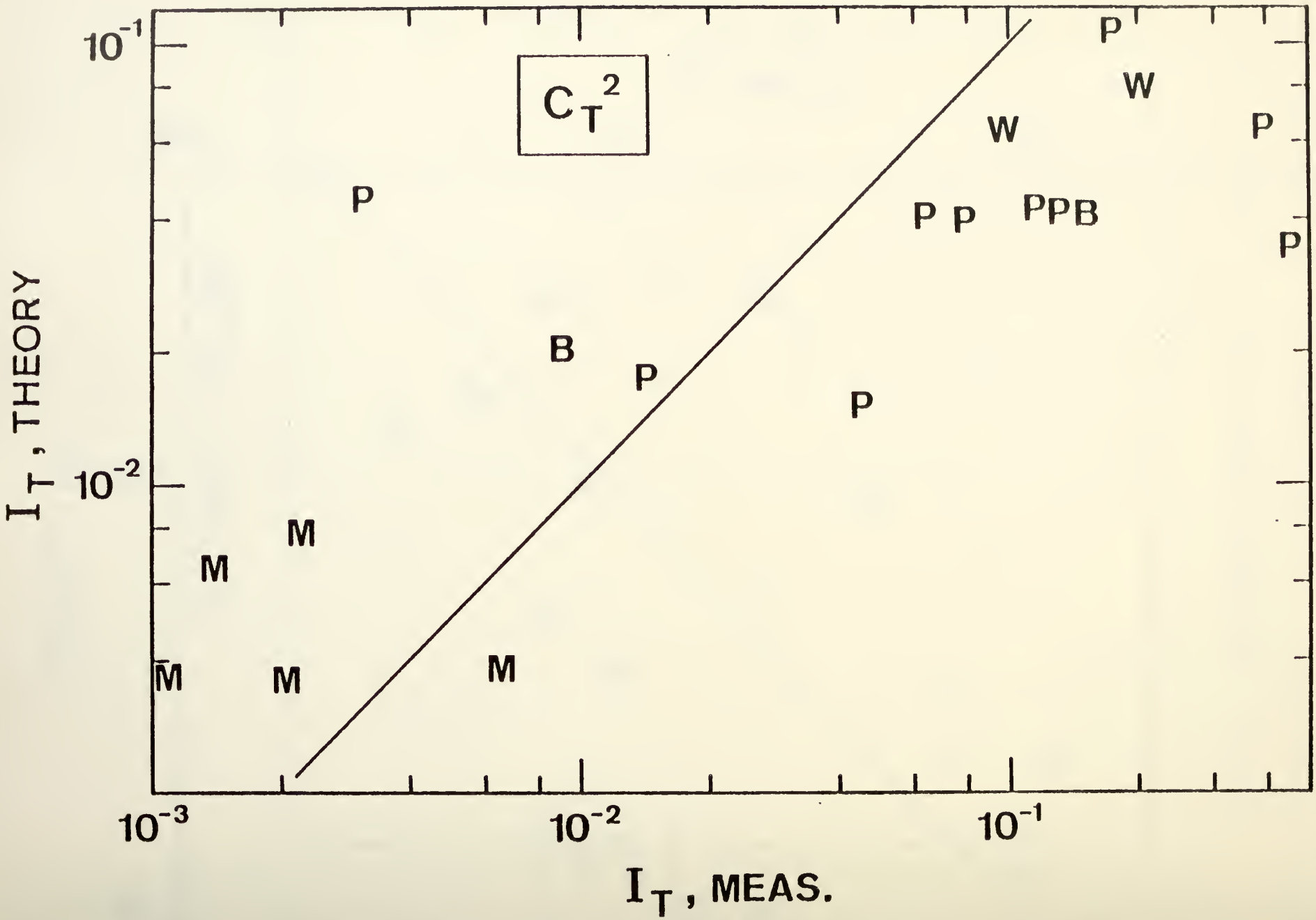

Figure 4a. A comparison of the measured value of I_T (Eq. 65) and the theoretical value (Eq. 66) for the

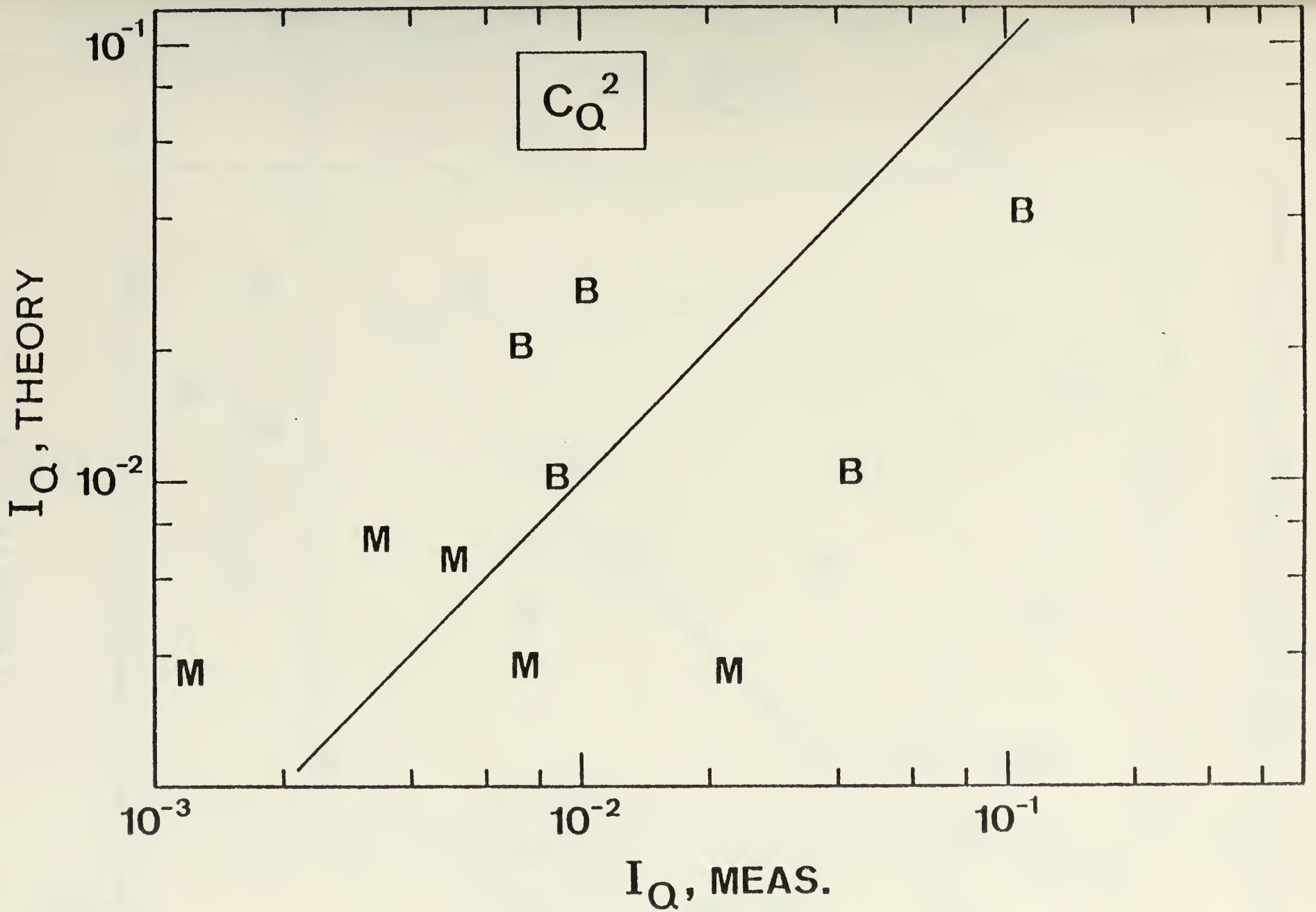

Figure 4b. Similar to Fig. 4a but for C_Q^2.

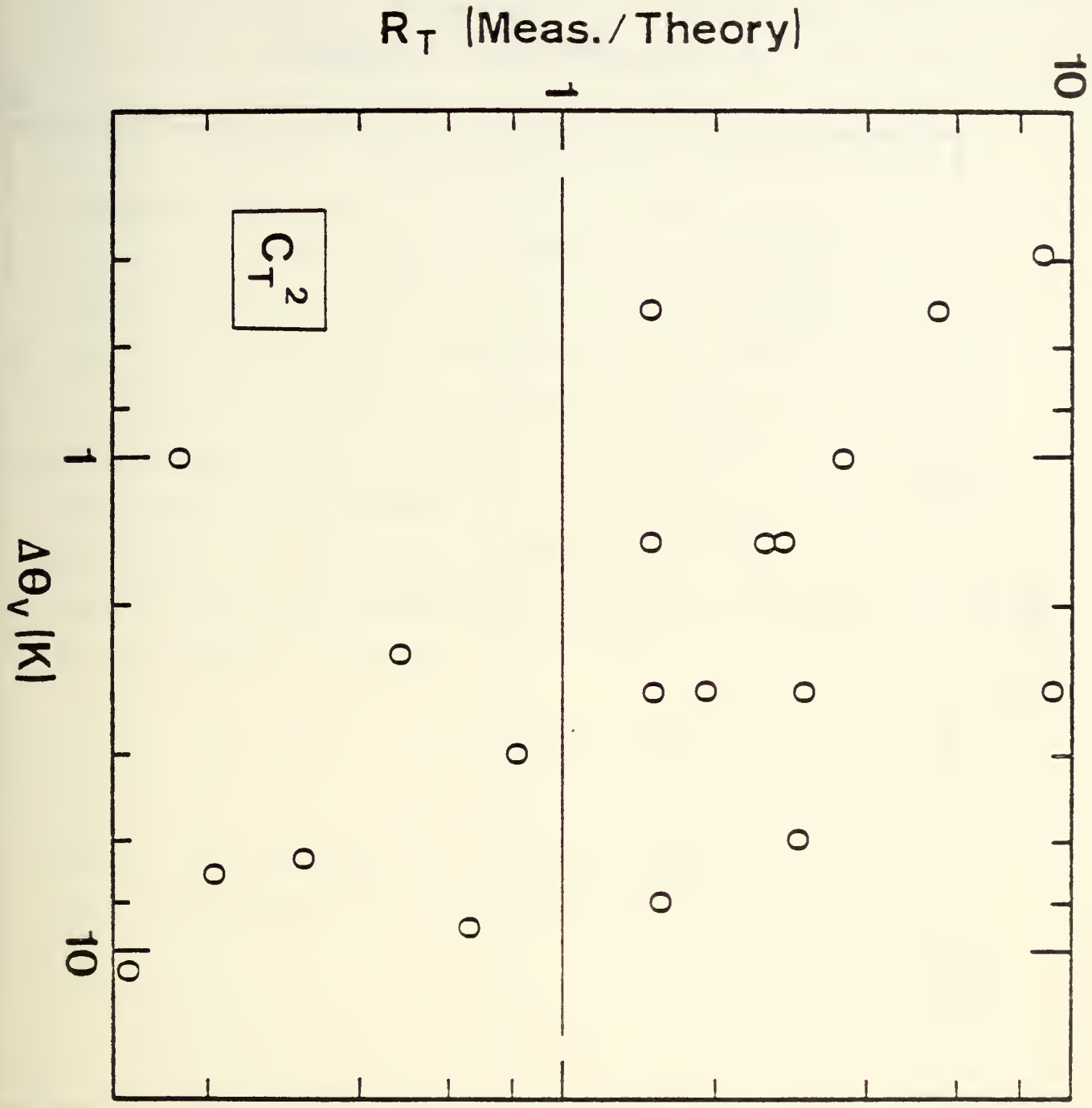

Figure 5a. The measured value of C_T^2 divided by the WL model value as a function of $\Delta\theta_v$.

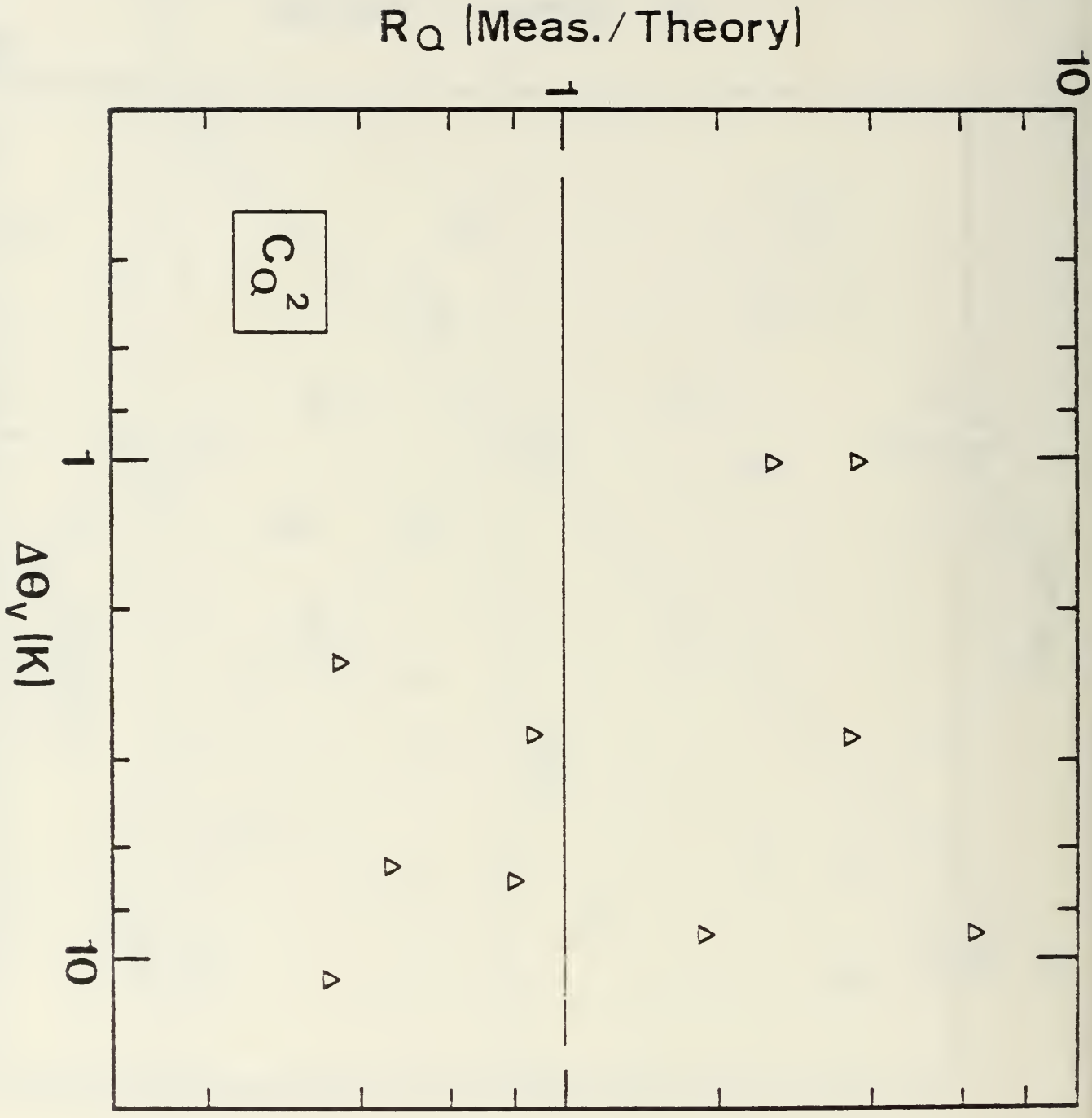

Figure 5b. Similar to Fig. 5a but for C_Q^2.

log-average yields $R_T = 1.15$ and $R_Q = 1.3$. Figure 5a weakly suggests that the model underestimates C_T^2 (large R_T) when $\Delta\theta_v$ is small while it overestimates when $\Delta\theta_v$ is large (the C_Q^2 data is too sparse to clear up this question). This could be due to an error in the estimation of $\Delta\theta_v$ and ΔQ (admittedly rather subjective). An examination of Fig. 3 suggests that a reasonable adjustment of $\Delta\theta_v$ (several tenths K) will not move the data points substantially closer to the $R_T = 1$ midline. Another possibility is that Eq. 20 tends to overestimate W_{eo} when $\Delta\theta_v$ is large while underestimating for small $\Delta\theta_v$.

Given the considerable scatter in the results, the uncertainties in the estimation of $\Delta\theta_v$ and ΔQ from measured profiles and the insensitivity of C_T^2 to $\Delta\theta_v$ and ΔQ it is suggested that a simplified formula for C_T^2 can be used for application to radiosonde quality data. If one assumes (based in Fig. 3) that $H_T \simeq 5$, then

$$C_T^2 \simeq 5\ \theta_{v*}\ z_i^{-2/3} \tag{69}$$

Based on the NPS data set this approximation appears to be at least as accurate as the more complicated formula (Fig. 6).

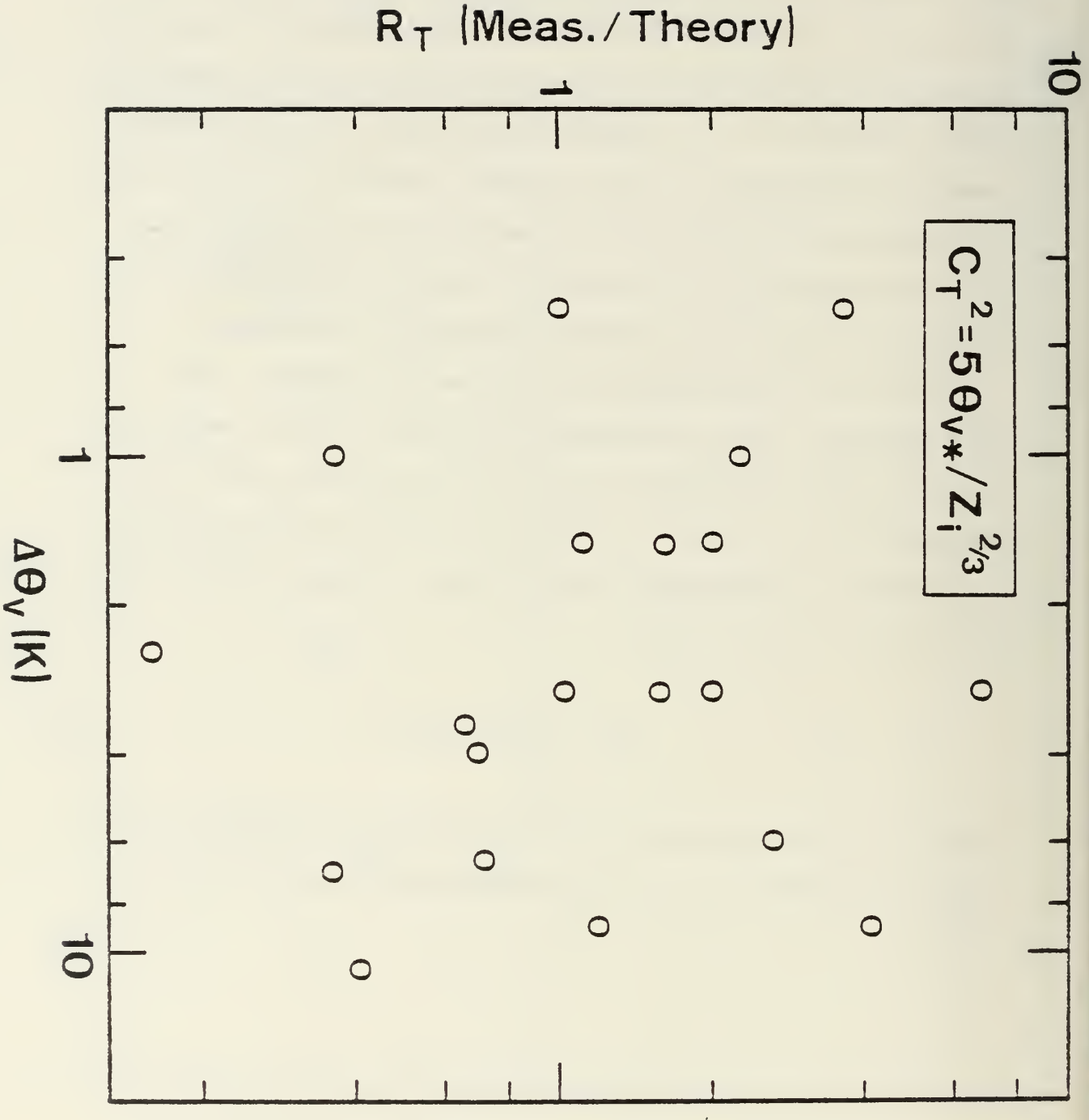

Figure 6. The measured value of C_T^2 divided by the model value using the simplified expression (Eq. 70).

V CONCLUSIONS

The Wyngaard-LeMone inversion layer scaling has been examined theoretically and tested against a data set obtained by NPS investigators in cooperation with Airborne Research Associates.

The theoretical examination indicated the following:

i) The WL theory is more general than is implied by the strict assumptions of the "quasi-steady" theory.

ii) The WL development can be simplified slightly, leading to modest adjustments of the normalization constants.

iii) The steady state assumption that $d\Delta Q/dt$ is negligible is reasonable under most conditions. The assumption that $d\Delta\theta_v/dt$ is negligible may not be justified when $R/S > 1$.

The examination of the atmospheric data indicated the following:

i) The assumption that ε at the inversion is proportional to a fixed fraction of the surface buoyancy flux was quite reasonable.

ii) The WL model predicted the measured value of C_T^2 and C_Q^2 to within a factor of three.

iii) Some evidence, though statistically weak, was found to suggest the model overestimates the structure functions for large $\Delta\theta_v$ ($> 3K$)) while it underestimates for small $\Delta\theta_v$ ($< 2K$). On the other hand, this could be a manifestation of the Stein effect for comparison of data sets subject to error where small values are usually overestimated and large quantities are usually underestimated.

Based on these results, it is obvious that a major weakness of the model is its reliance on an entrainment formulation that is too restrictive. The two extremes of the buoyancy jump ($\Delta\theta_v$) may involve different entrainment regimes (e.g. encroachment, convective instability or the Lilly formulation). It would also be useful to include the effect of inversion windshear on W_e and on the structure functions. Another area of investigation might be stable surface layers. These may be very important for surface optical propagation because C_T^2 values are often sizeable and Z_i is usually small (on the order of 100m).

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APPENDIX A

This appendix contains graphs of mean (θ_v, q) and turbulence (C_T^2, C_Q^2, ε) profiles for each of 23 data sets. The site designations are defined in Section III-C. The abstraction of this data to obtain the relevant parameters (Tables 1, 2, 3 in the main text) is described in Section III.

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APPENDIX A

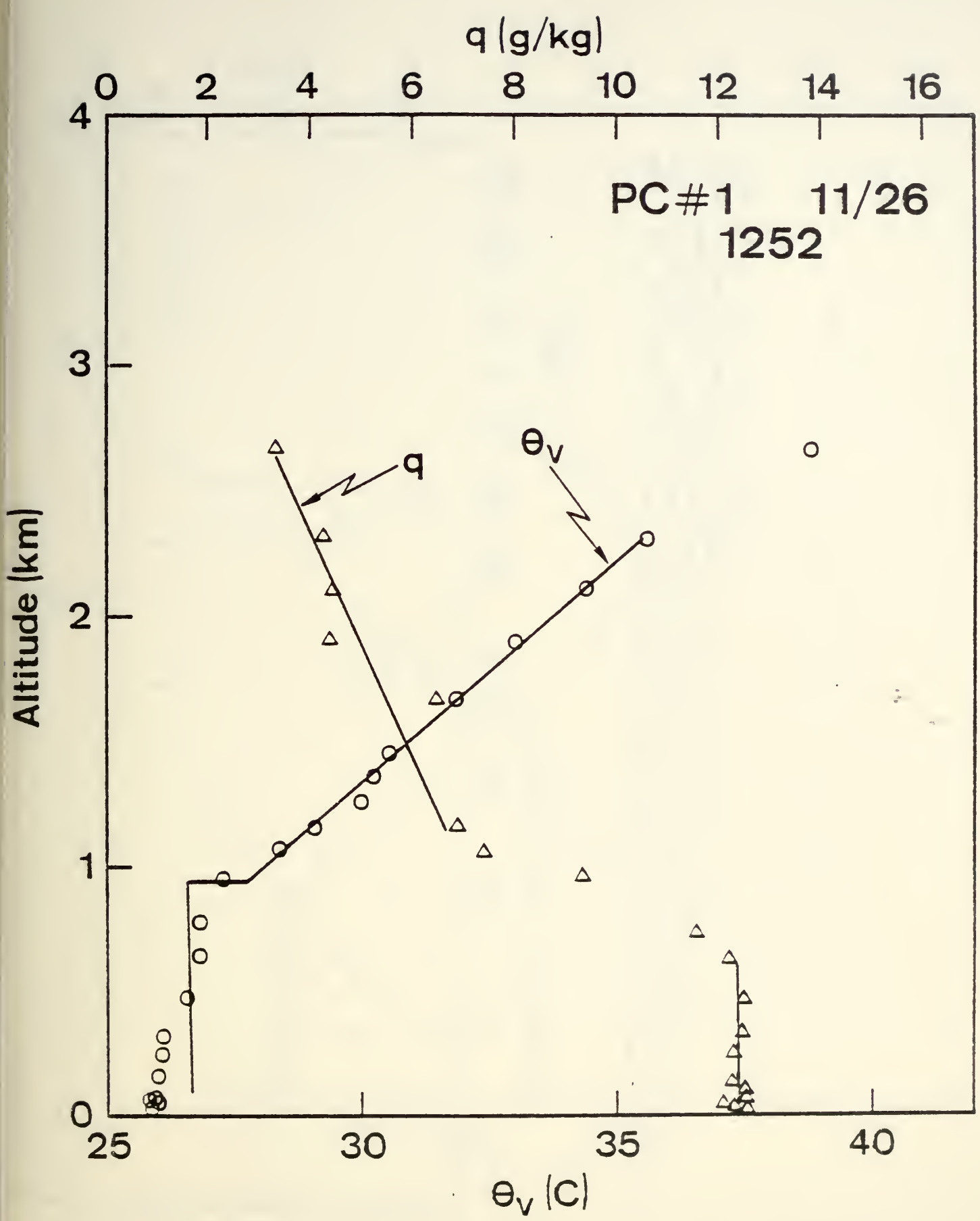
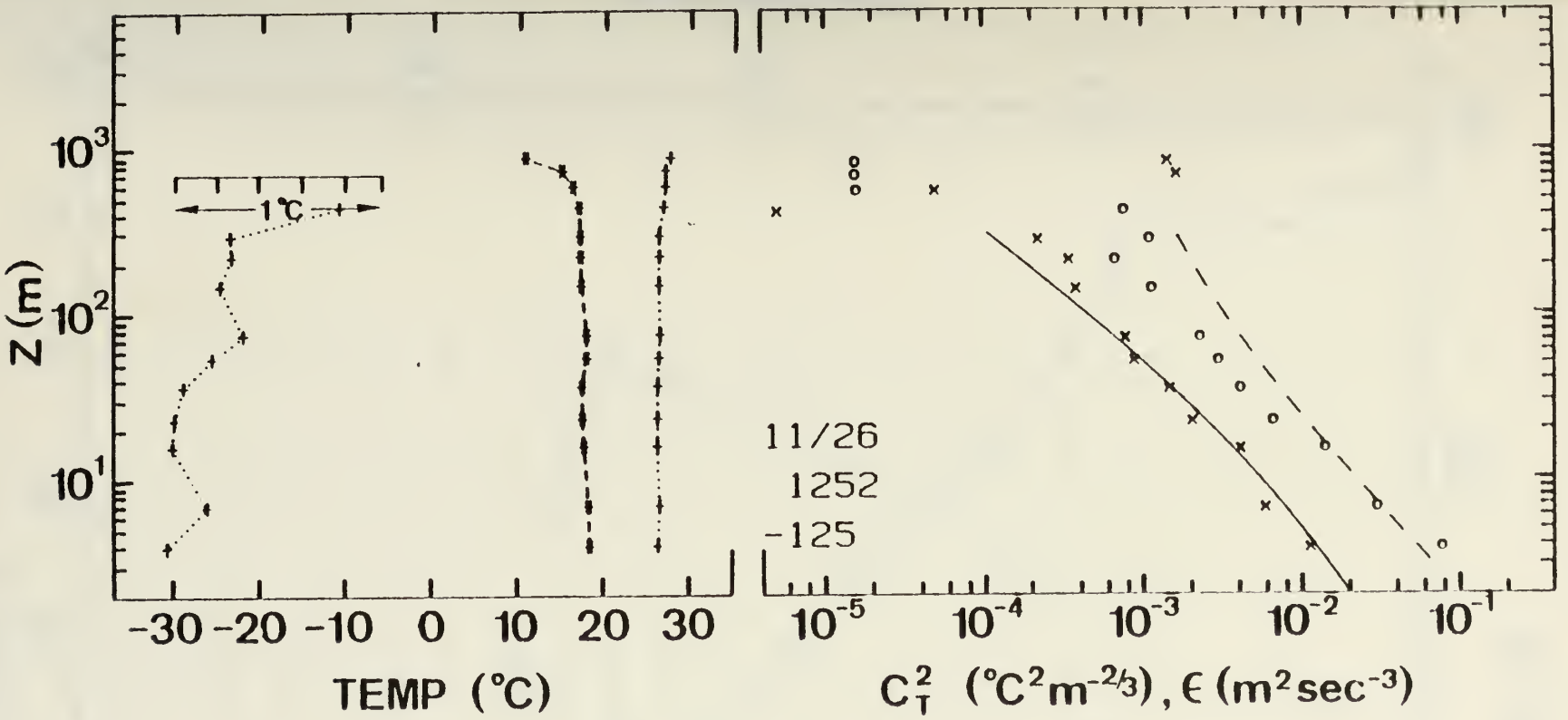


Figure 41a. Mean profile for PC 11/26 1252.



NOTE: The data points plotted are virtual potential temperature (+), dew point temperature (*), C_T^2 (x), and ϵ(o). The solid line is the MOS expression for C_T^2, and the long dash line is the MOS expression for ϵ. The extreme left-hand side of the graph shows an expanded scale plot of virtual potential temperature. The date, time, and Monin-Obukhov stability length, L, are given in the lower center of the graph.

Figure A1b. Turbulence profile for PC 11/26 1252.

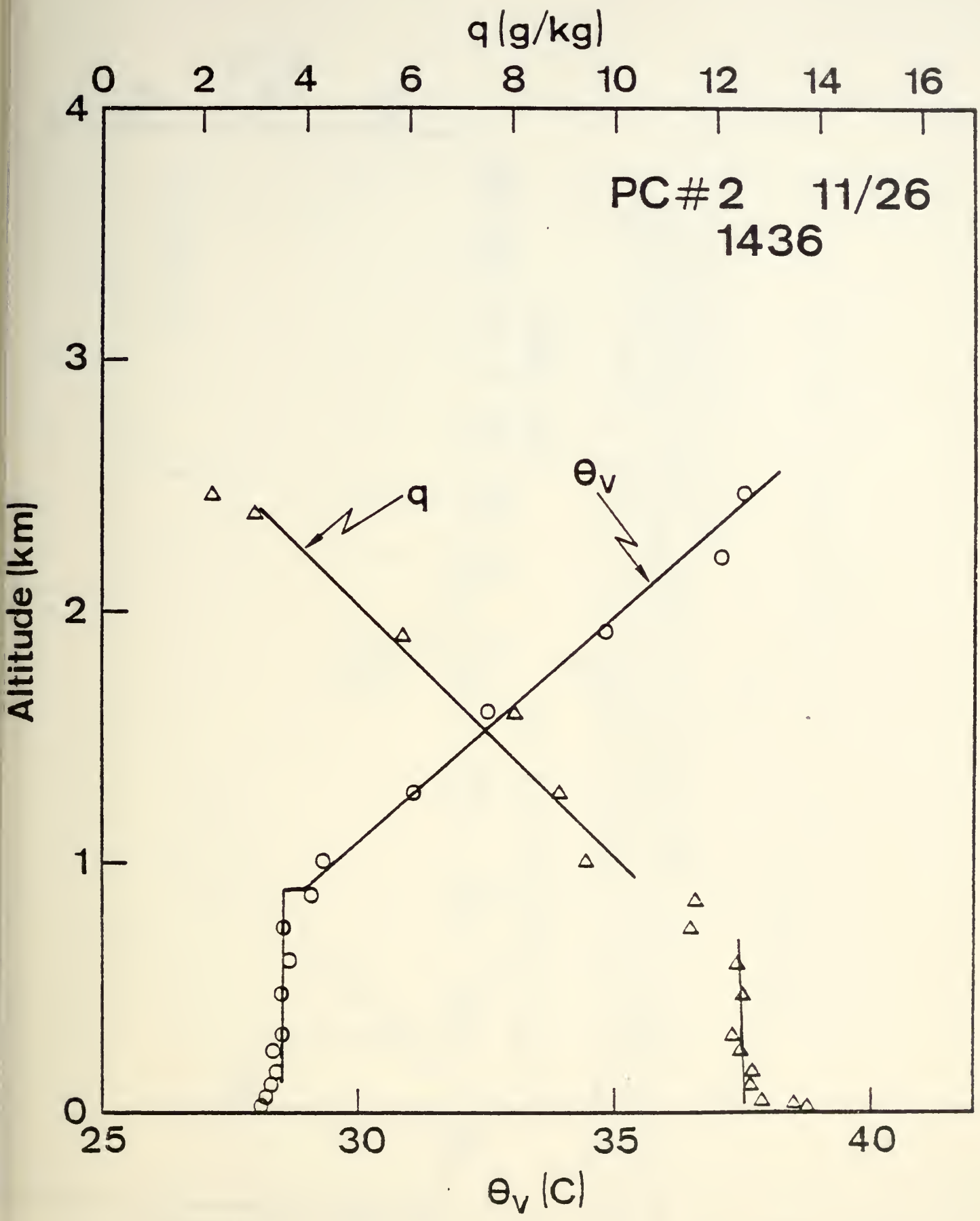


Figure A2a. Mean profile for PC 11/26 1436.

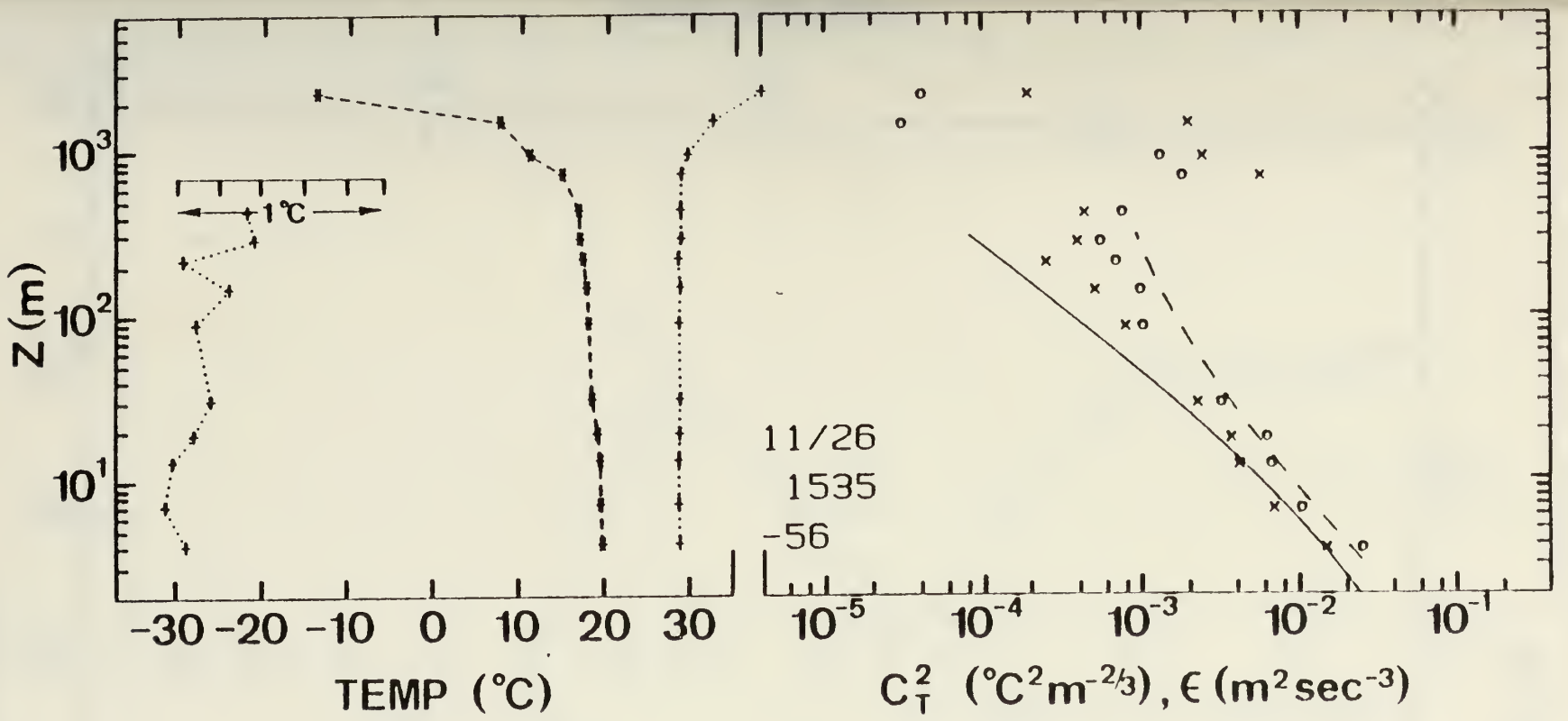


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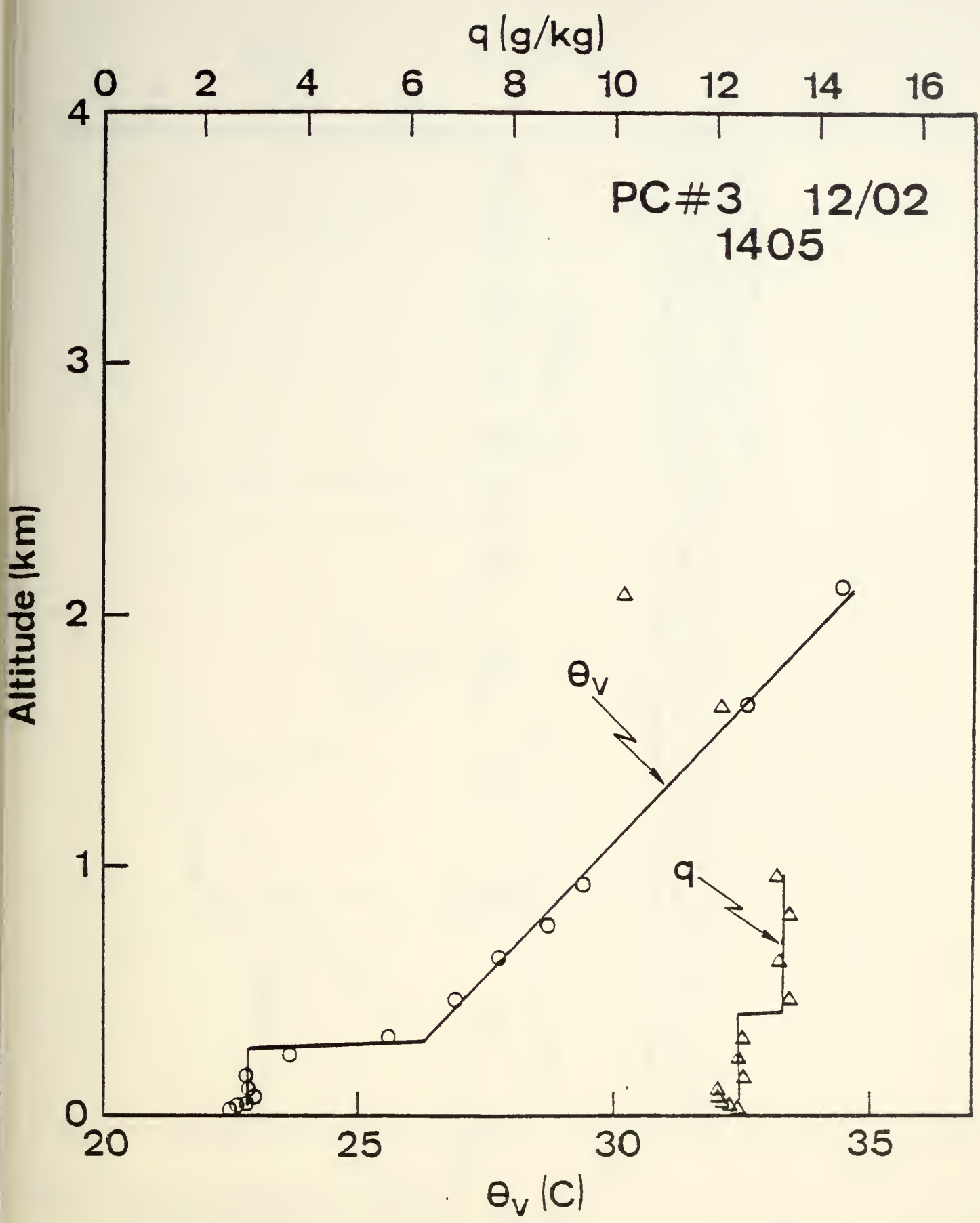
Figure A2b. Turbulence profile for PC 11/26 1436.



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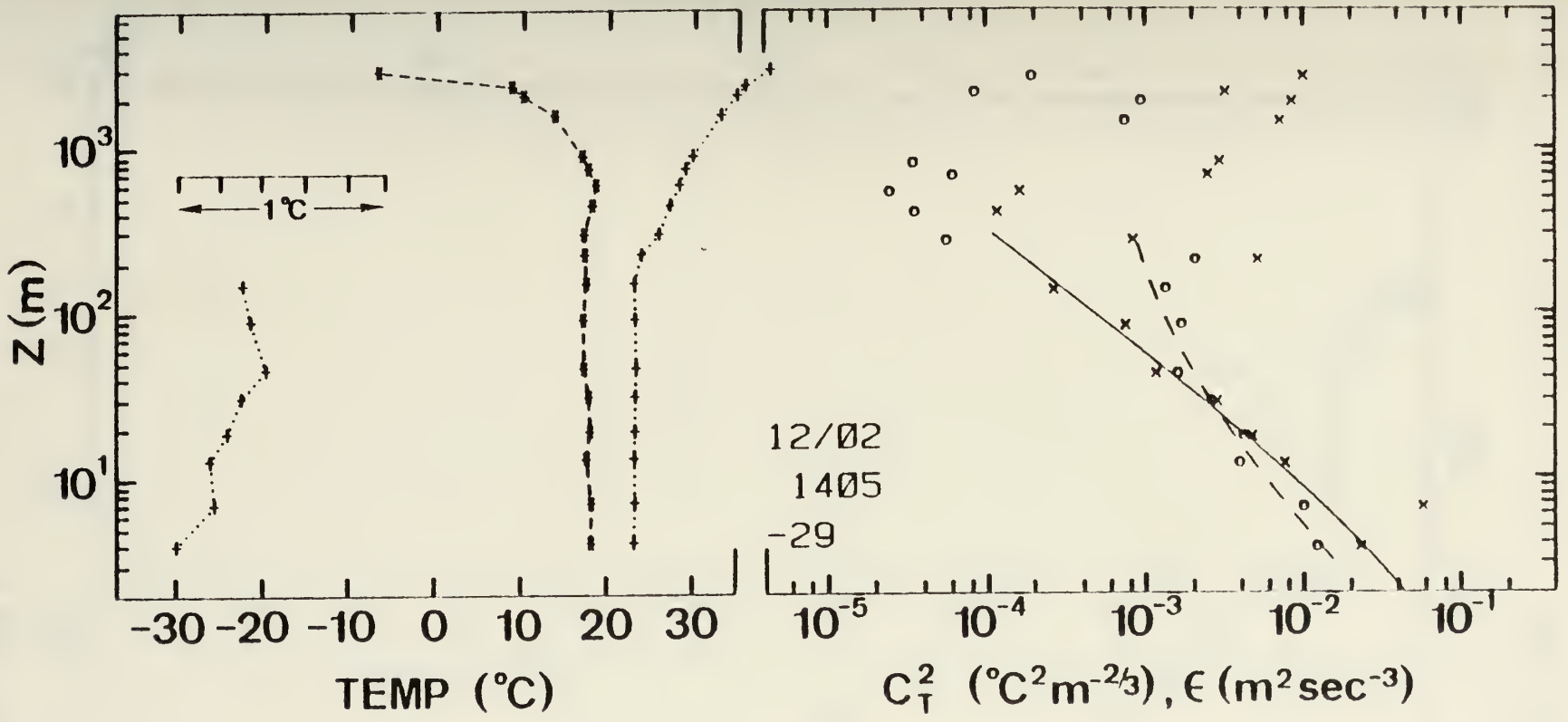
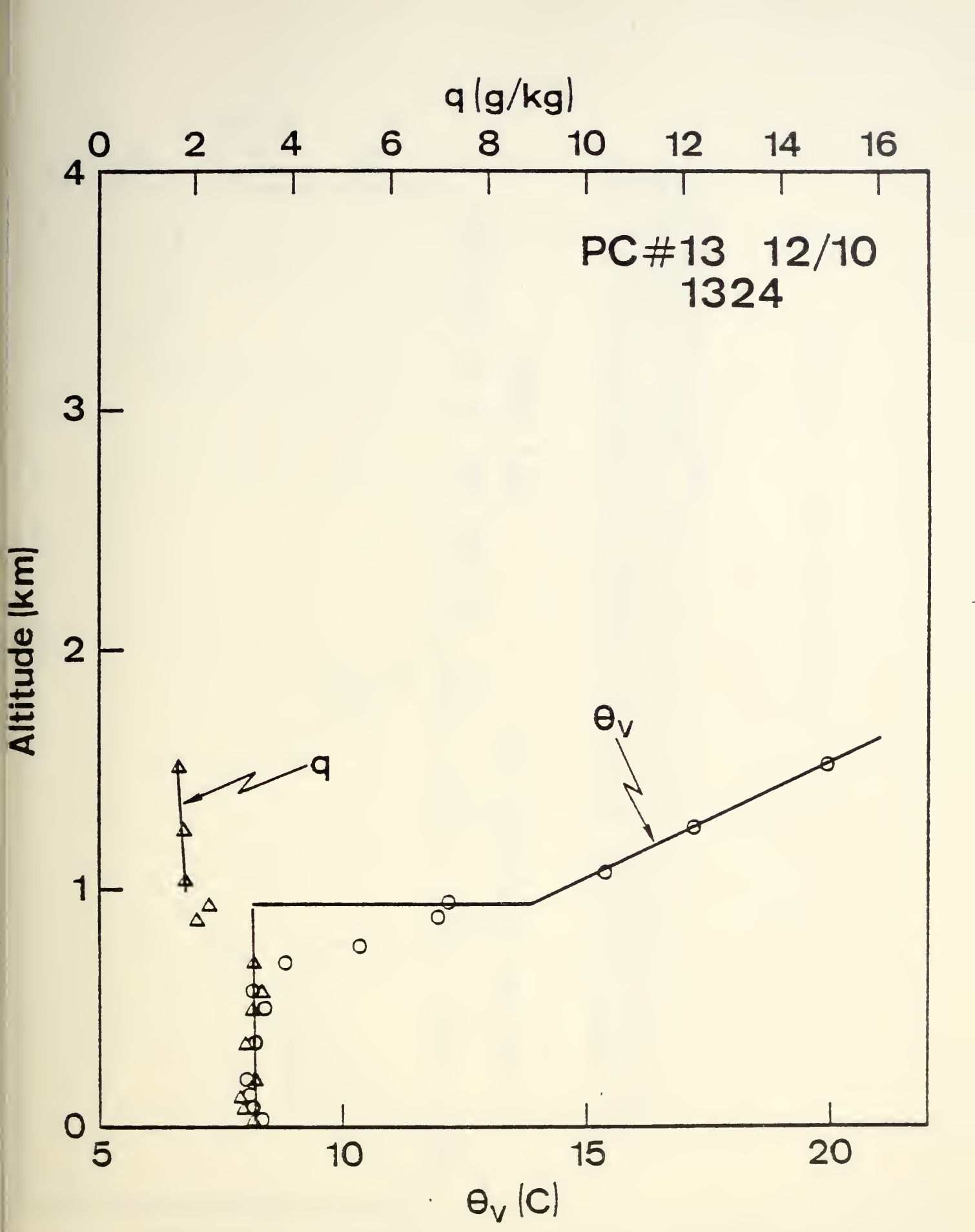


NOTE: The data points plotted are virtual potential temperature (+), dew point temperature (*), C_T^2 (x), and ϵ(o). The solid line is the MOS expression for C_T^2, and the long dash line is the MOS expression for ϵ. The extreme left-hand side of the graph shows an expanded scale plot of virtual potential temperature. The date, time, and Monin-Obukhov stability length, L, are given in the lower center of the graph.

Figure A3b. Turbulence profile for PC 12/2 1405.



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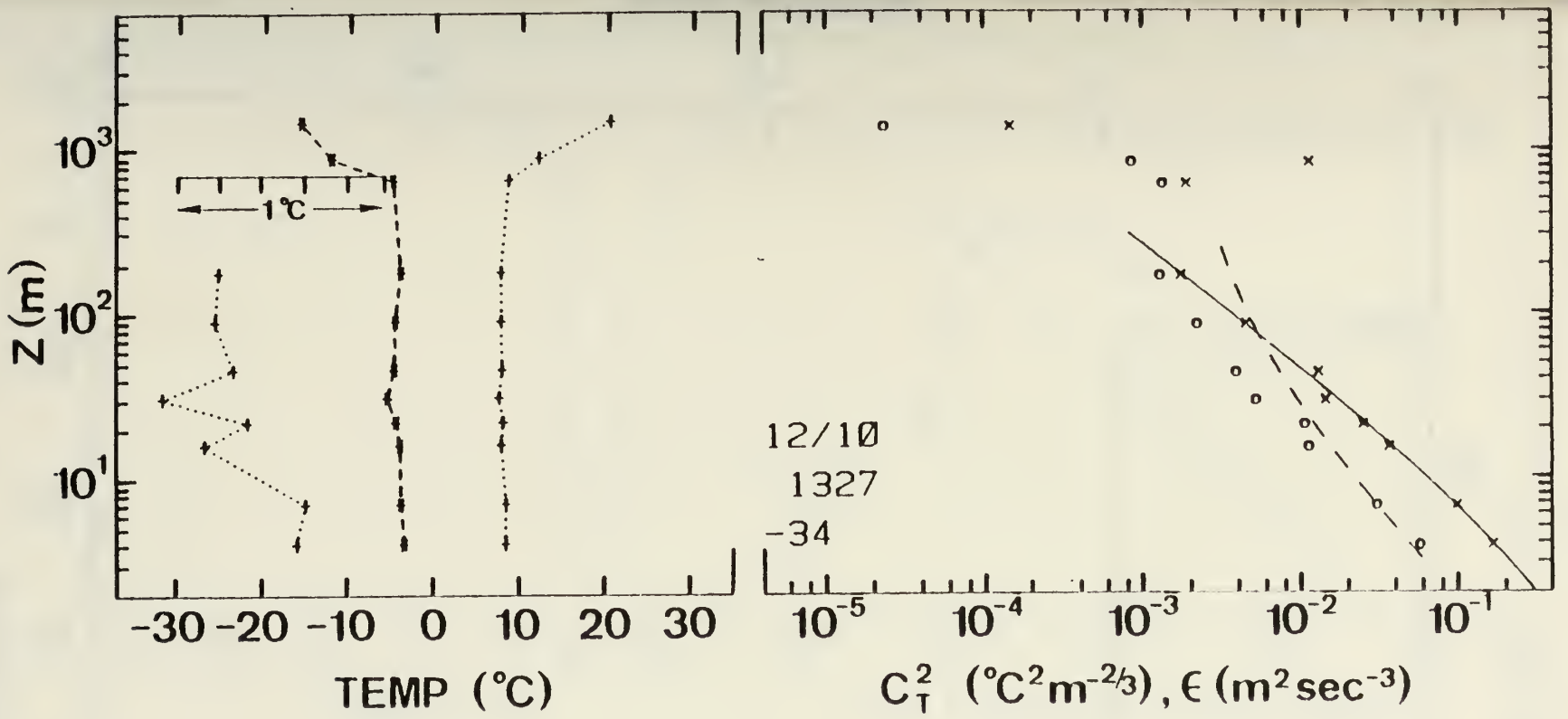
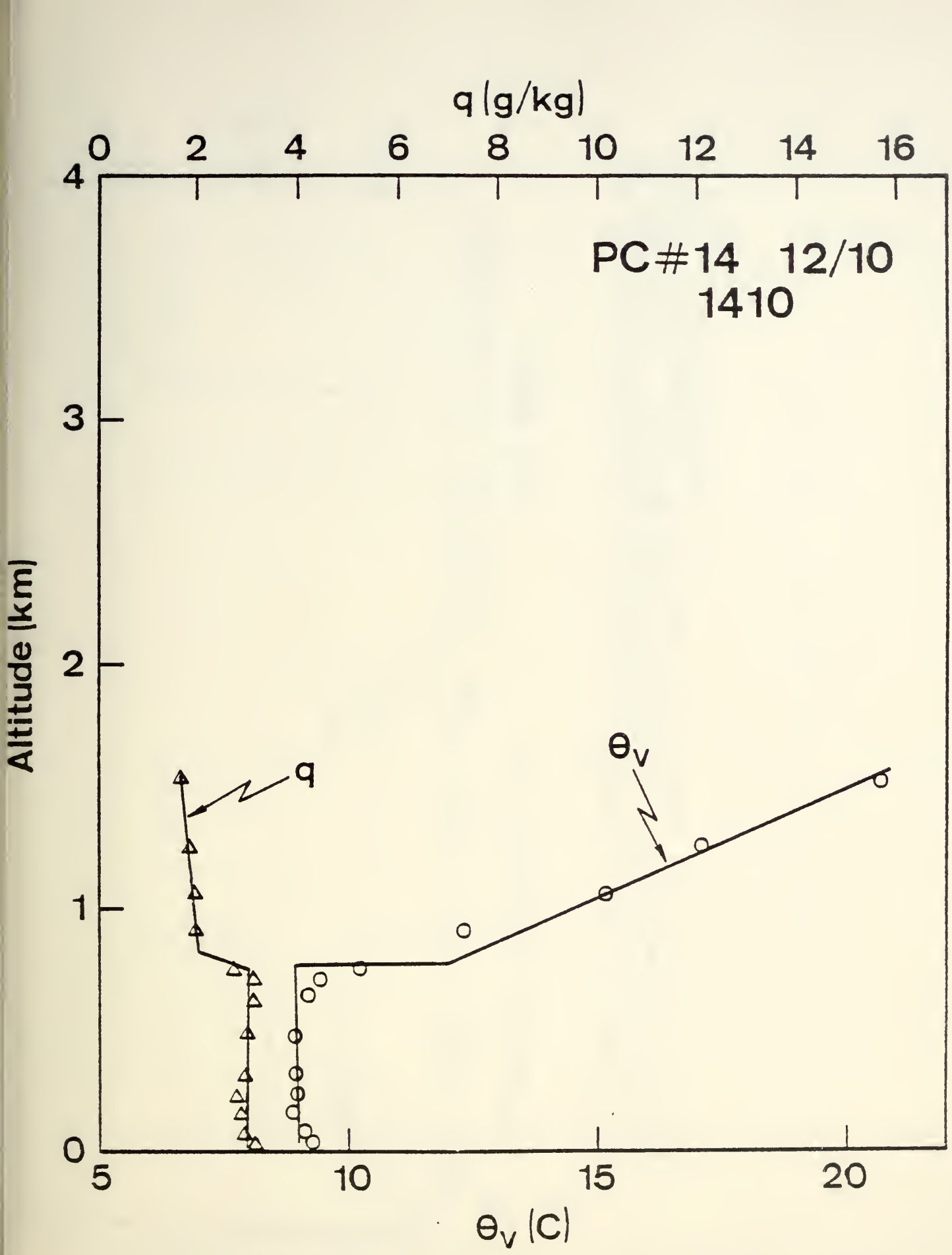


NOTE: The data points plotted are virtual potential temperature (+), dew point temperature (*), C_T^2 (x), and ε(o). The solid line is the MOS expression for C_T^2, and the long dash line is the MOS expression for ε. The extreme left-hand side of the graph shows an expanded scale plot of virtual potential temperature. The date, time, and Monin-Obukhov stability length, L, are given in the lower center of the graph.

Figure A4b. Turbulence profile for PC 12/10 1324.



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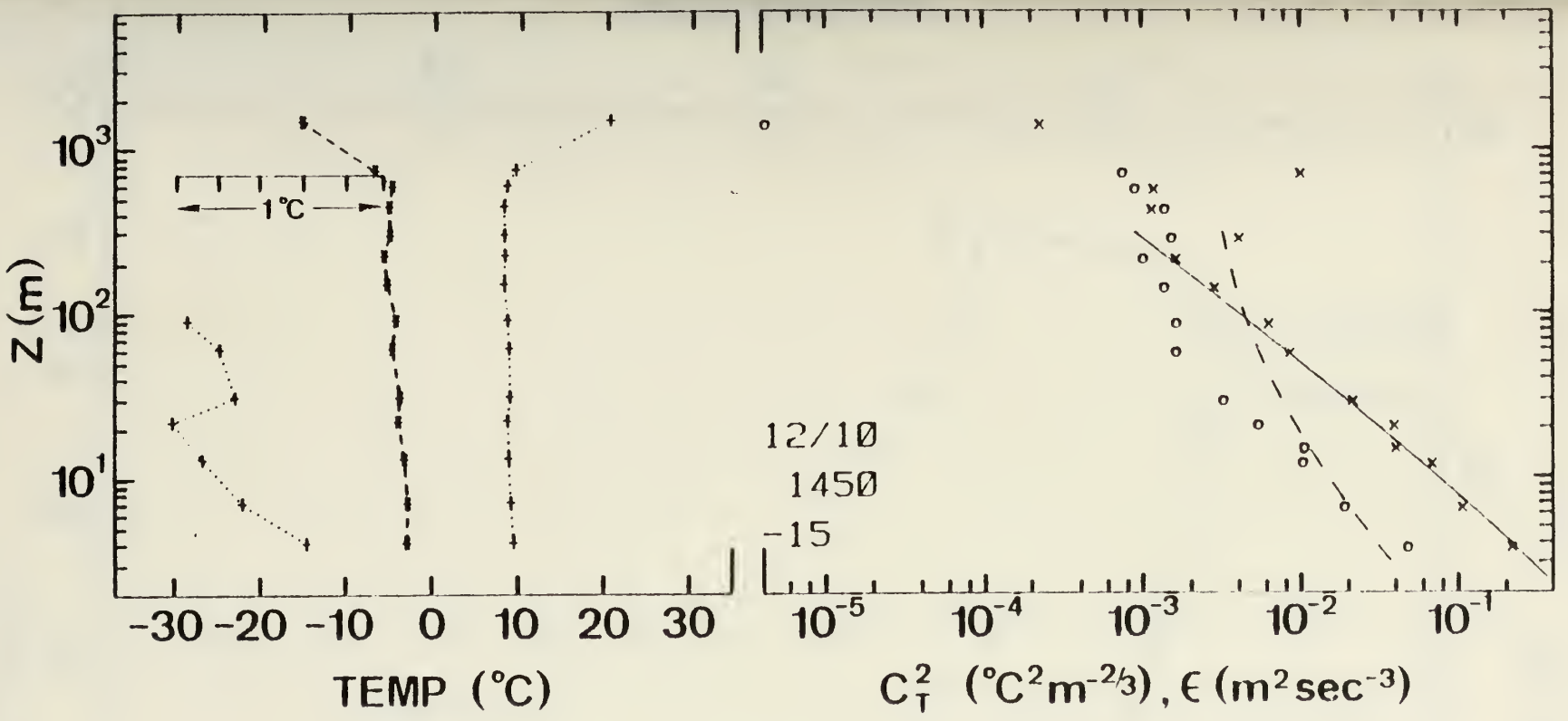

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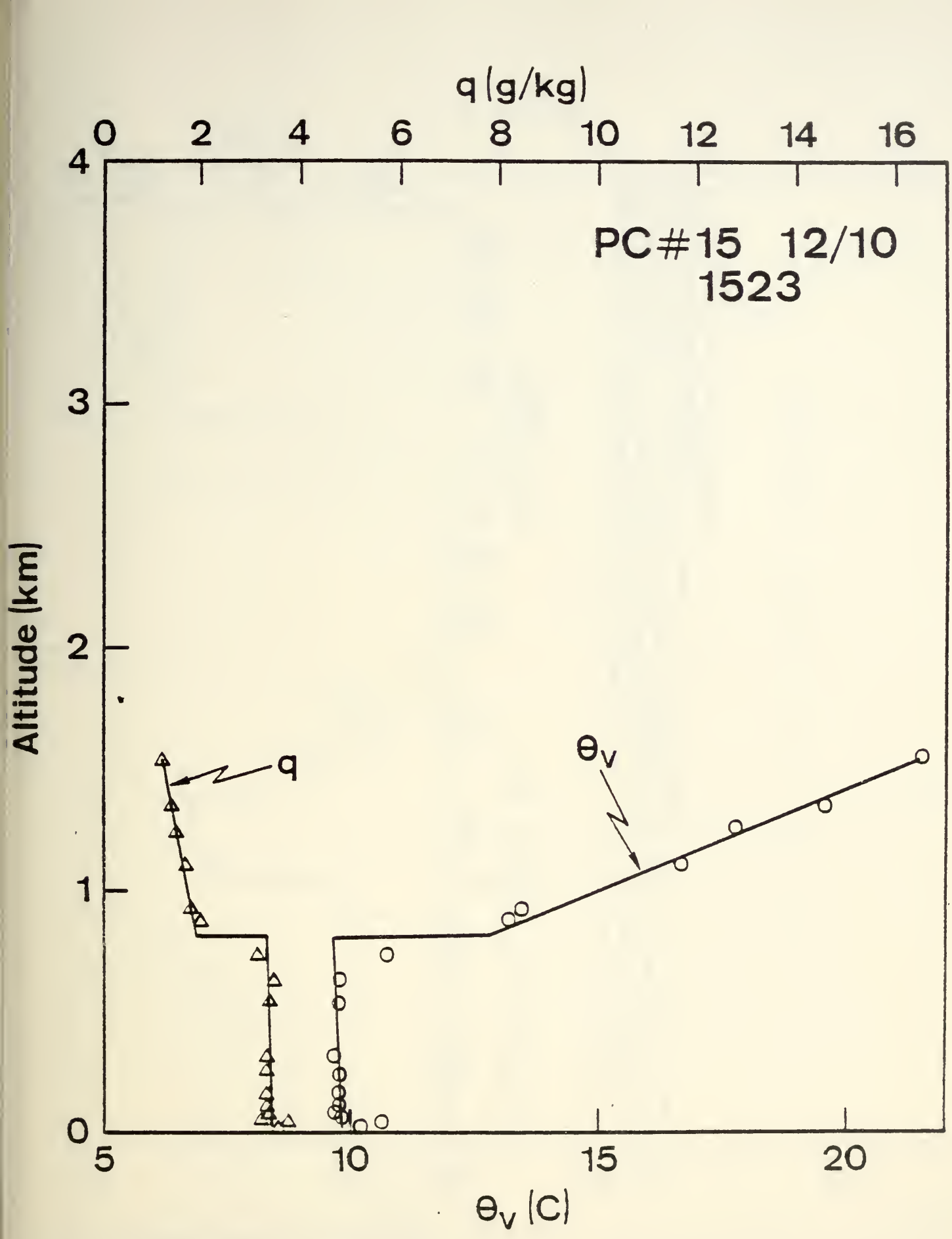
Figure A5b. Turbulence profile for PC 12/10 1410.



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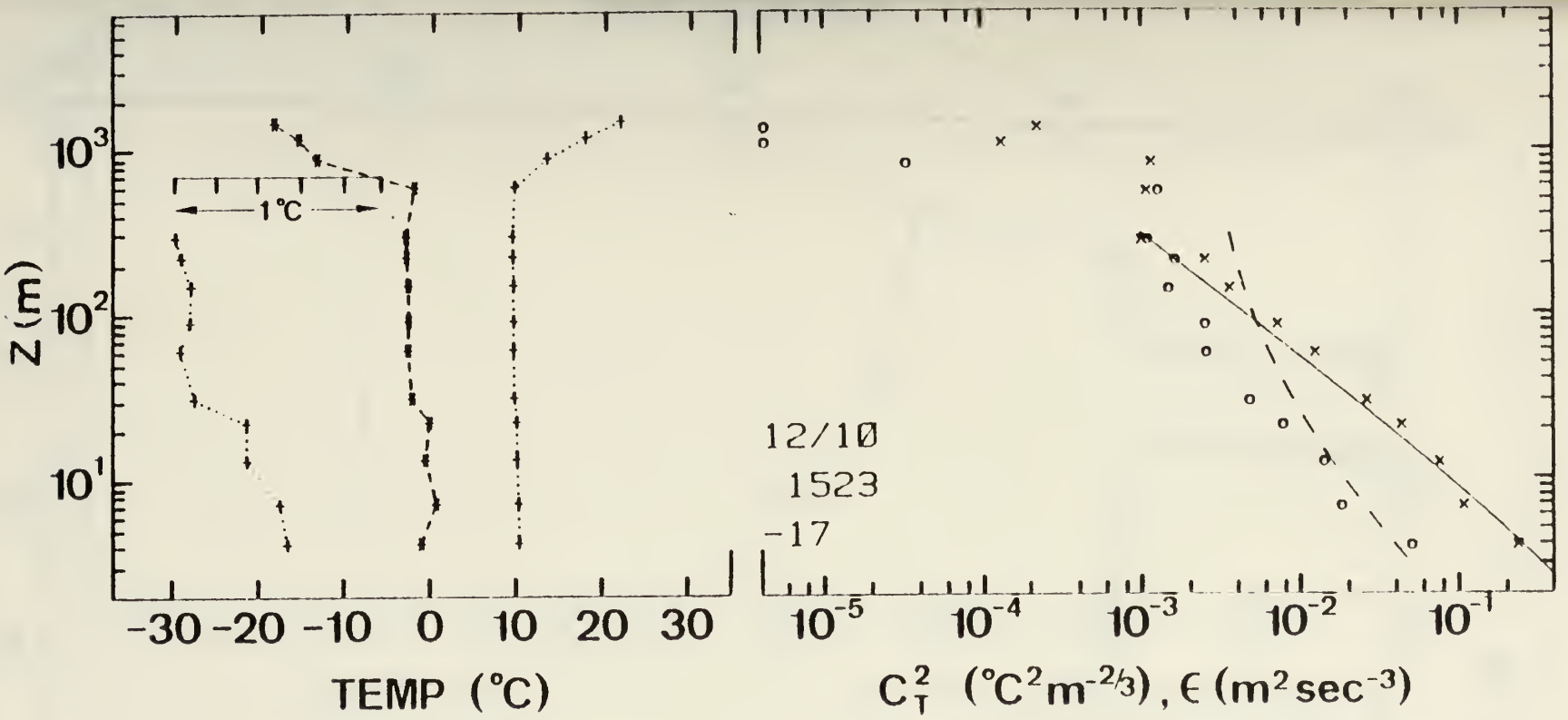

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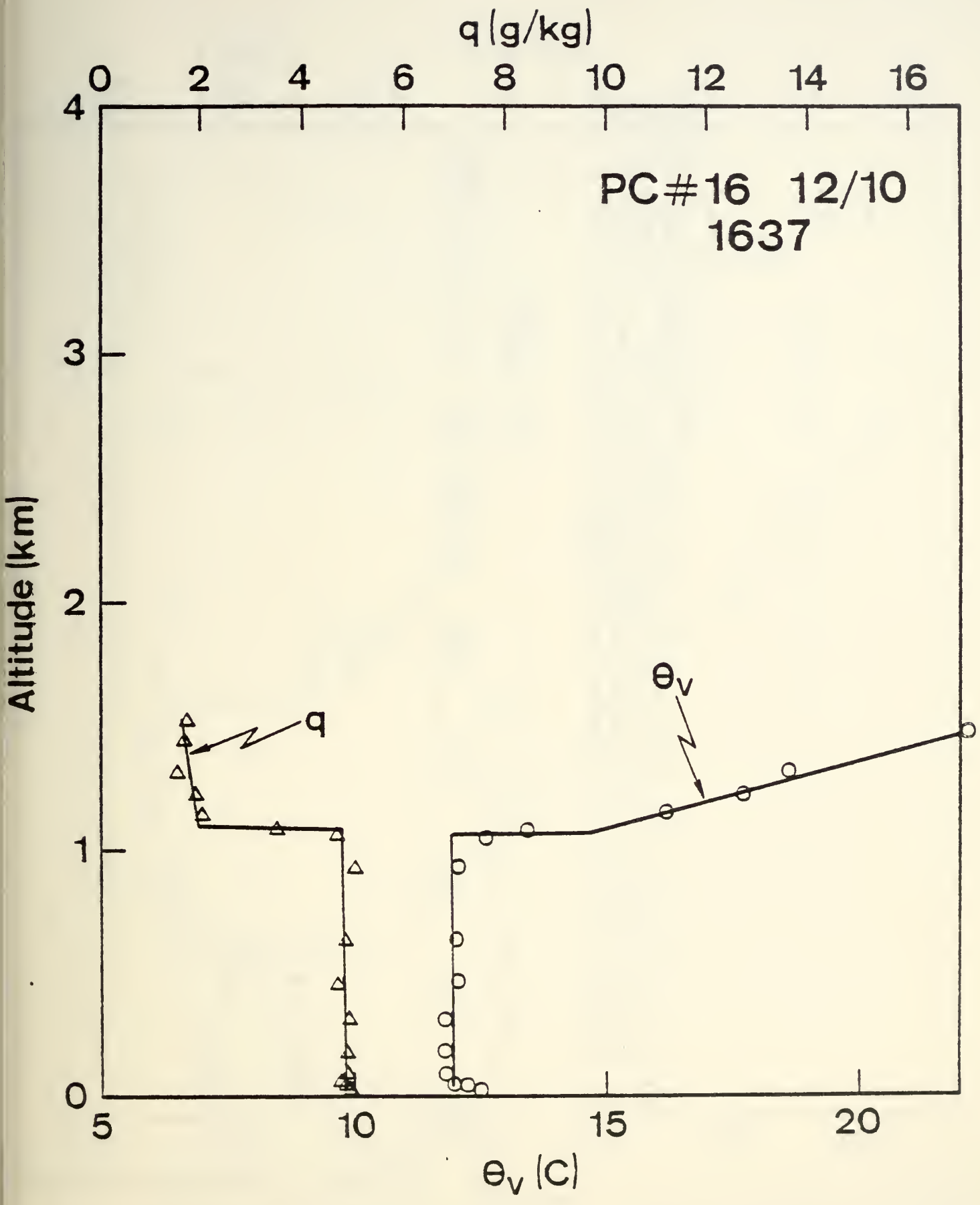
Figure A6b. Turbulence profile for PC 12/10 1523.



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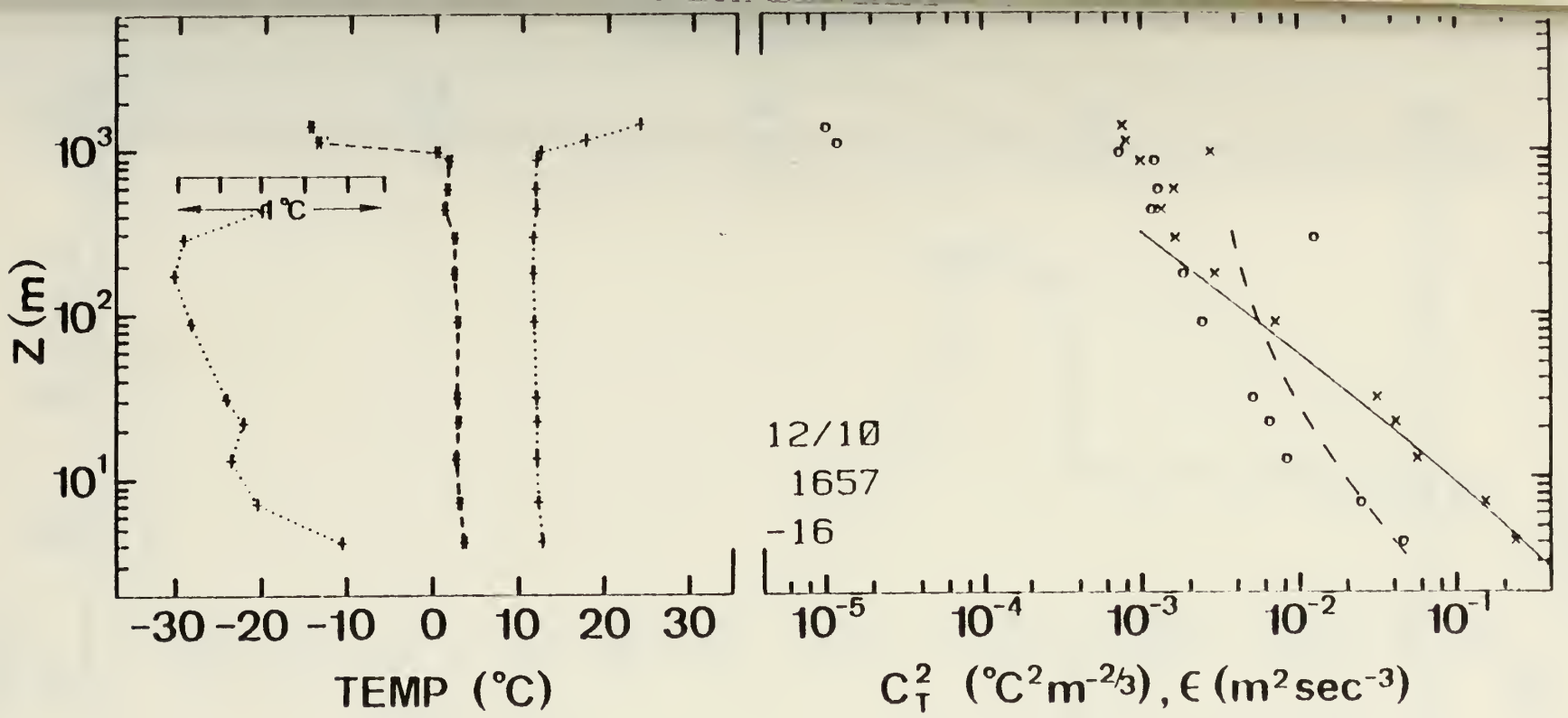

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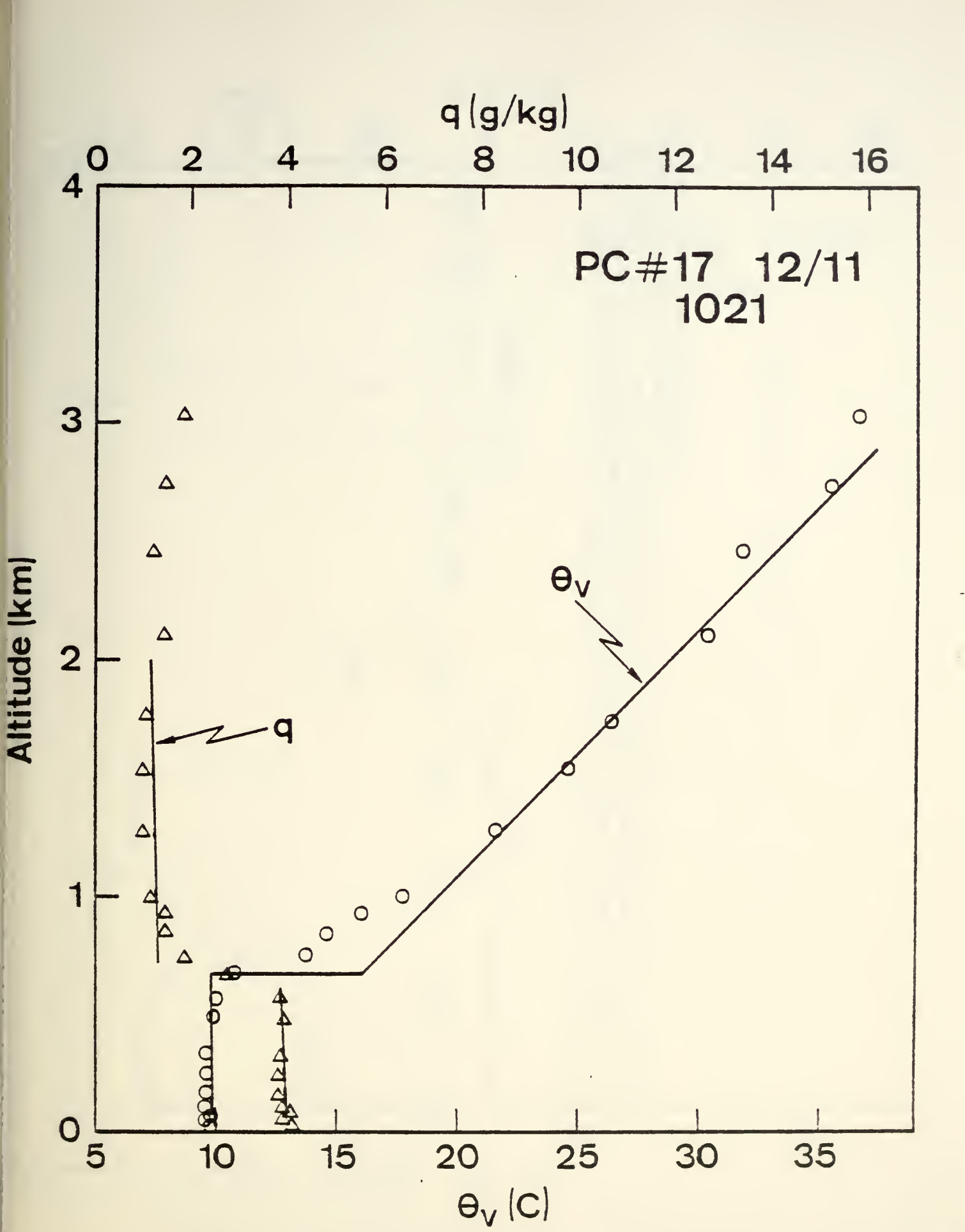
Figure A7b. Turbulence profile for PC 12/10 1637.



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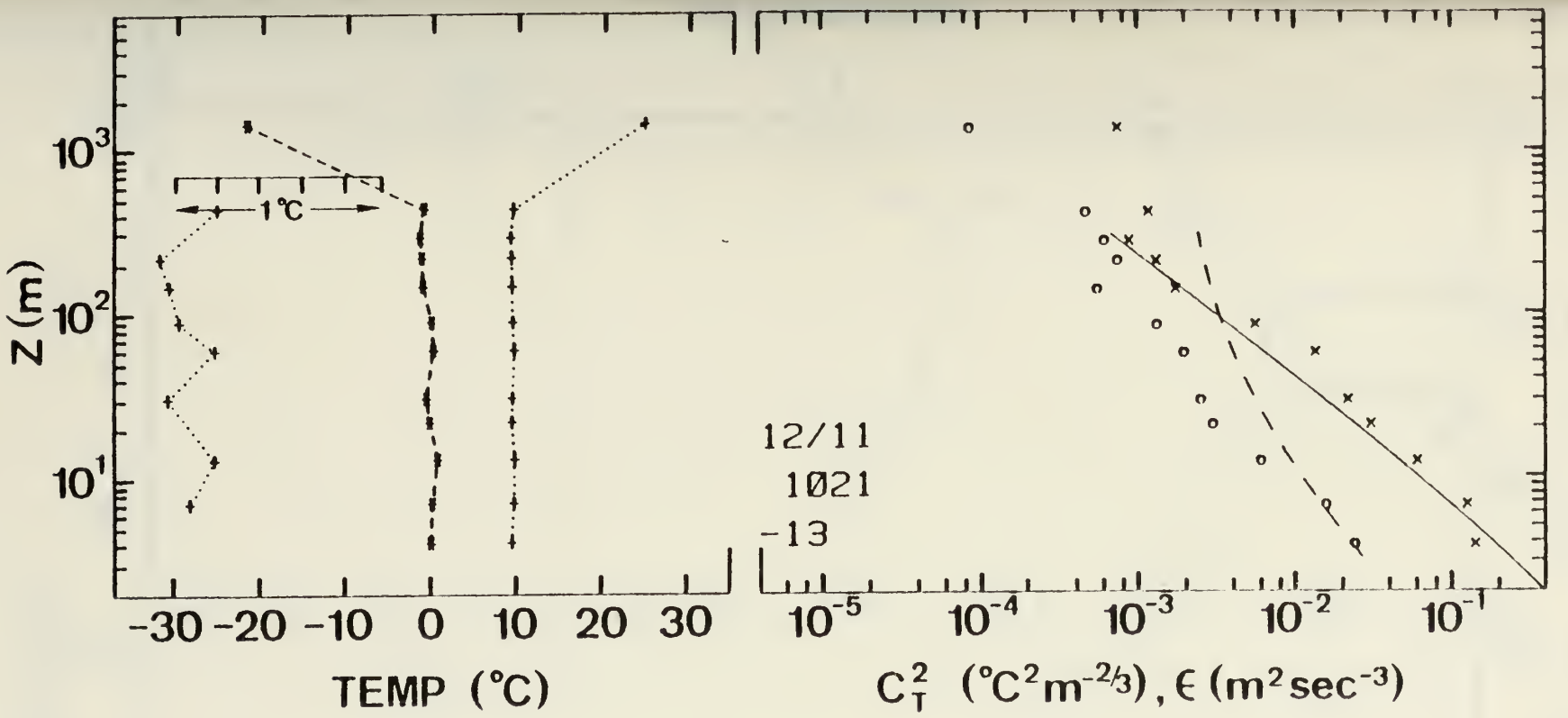

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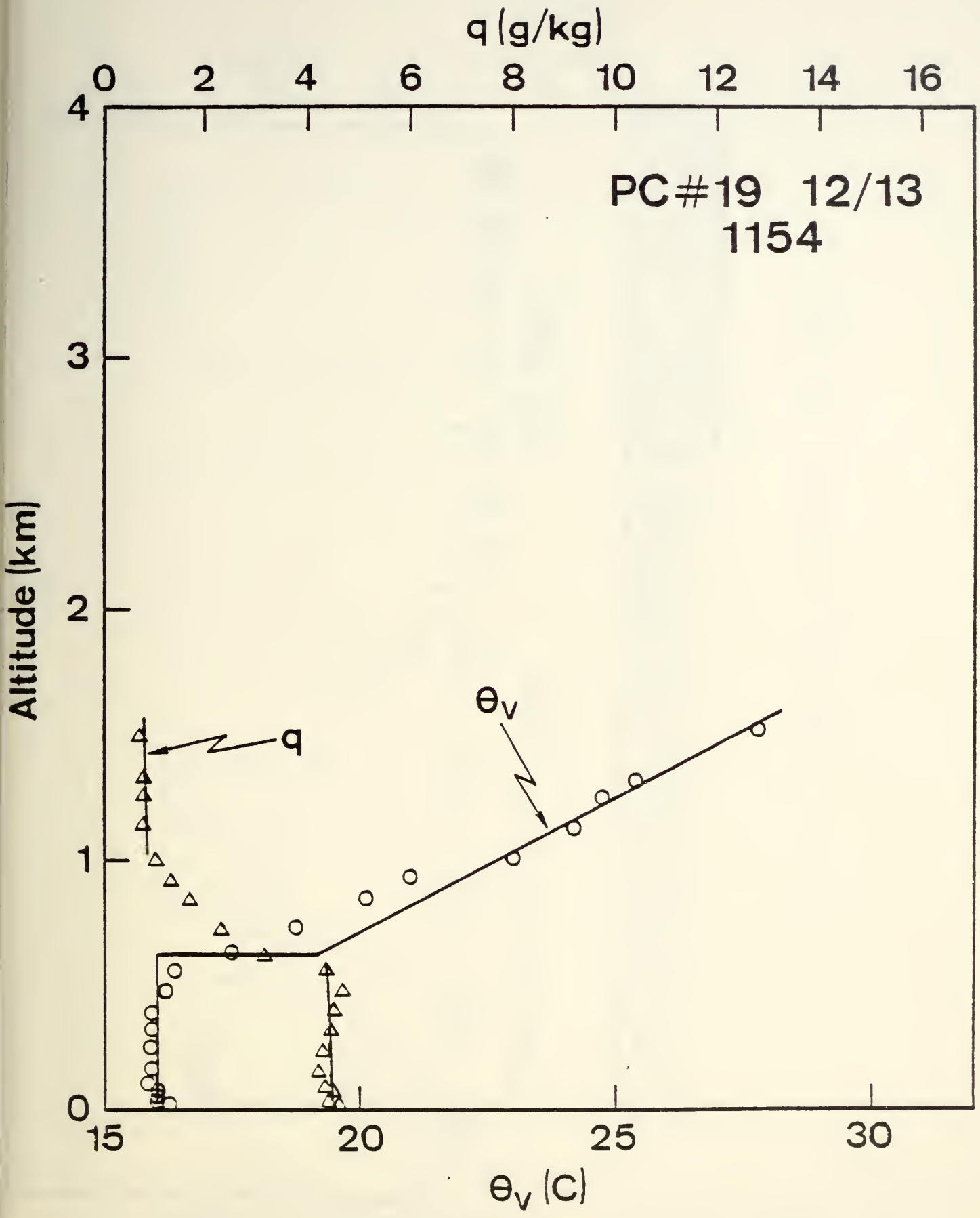
Figure A8b. Turbulence profile for PC 12/11 1021.



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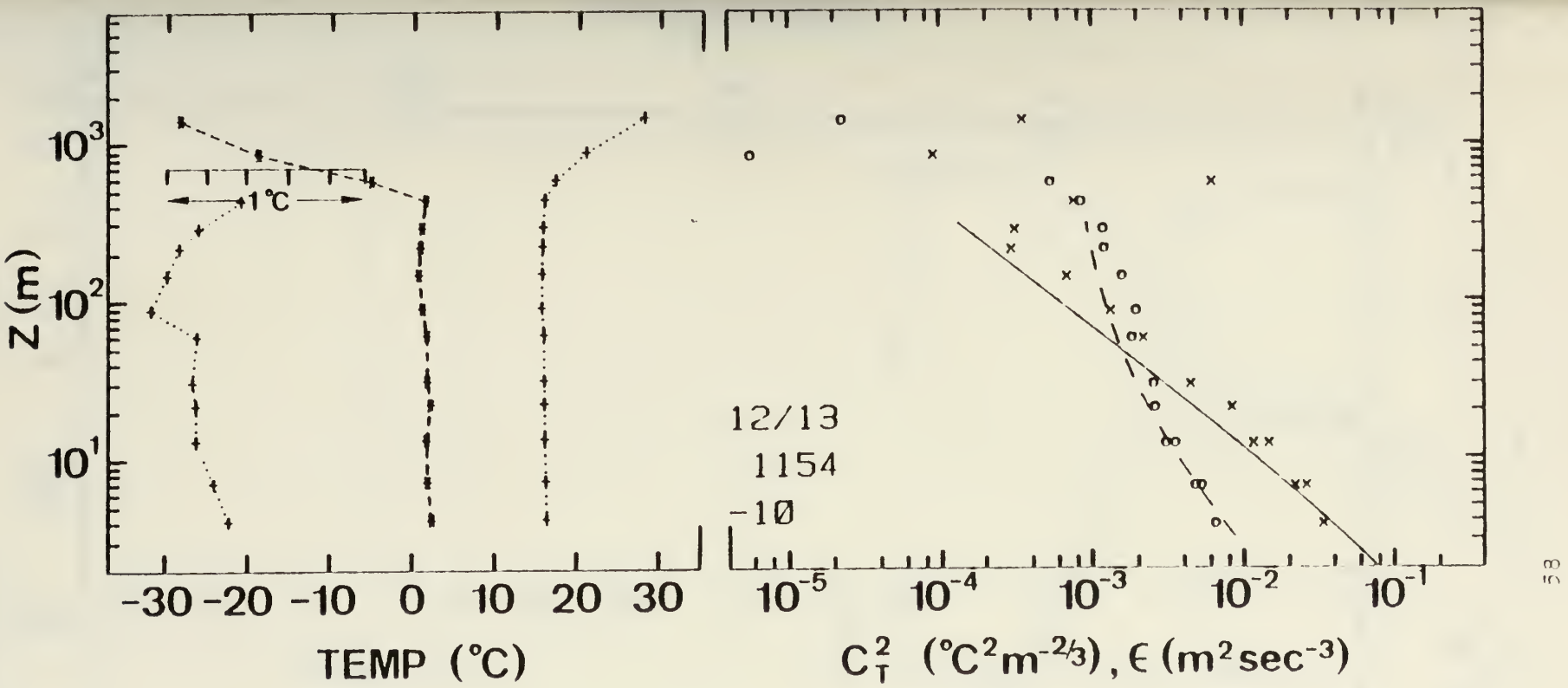

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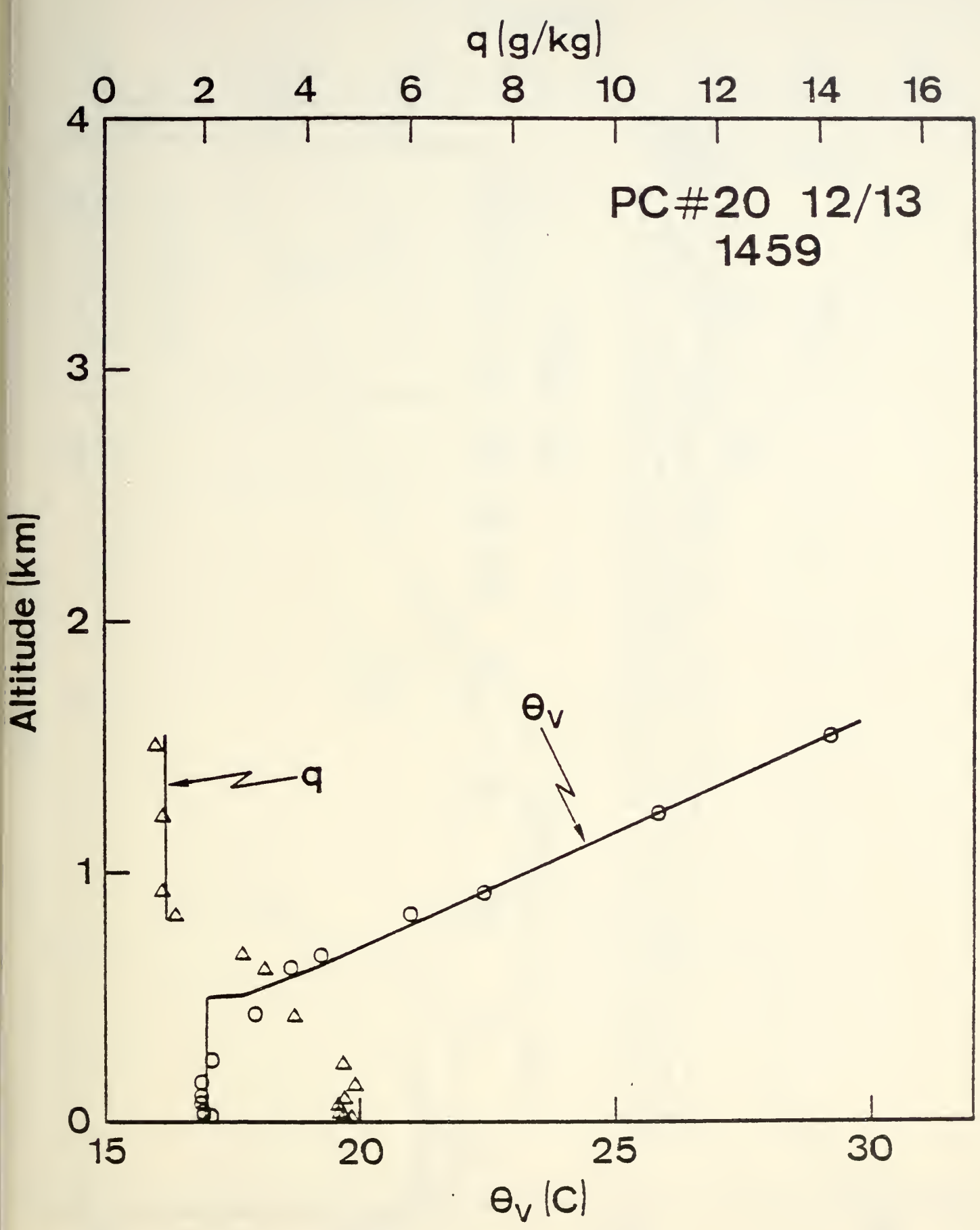
Figure A9b. Turbulence profile for PC 12/13 1154.



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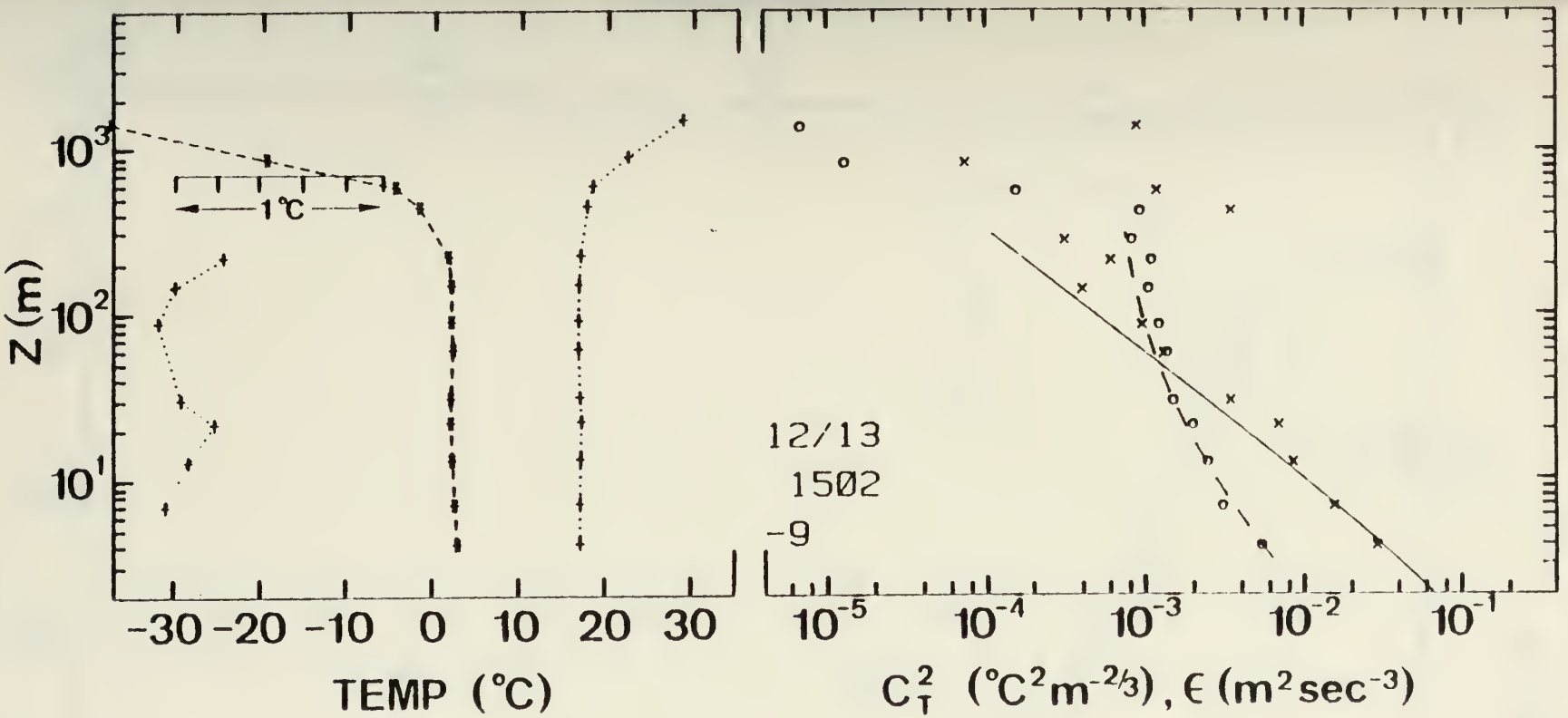

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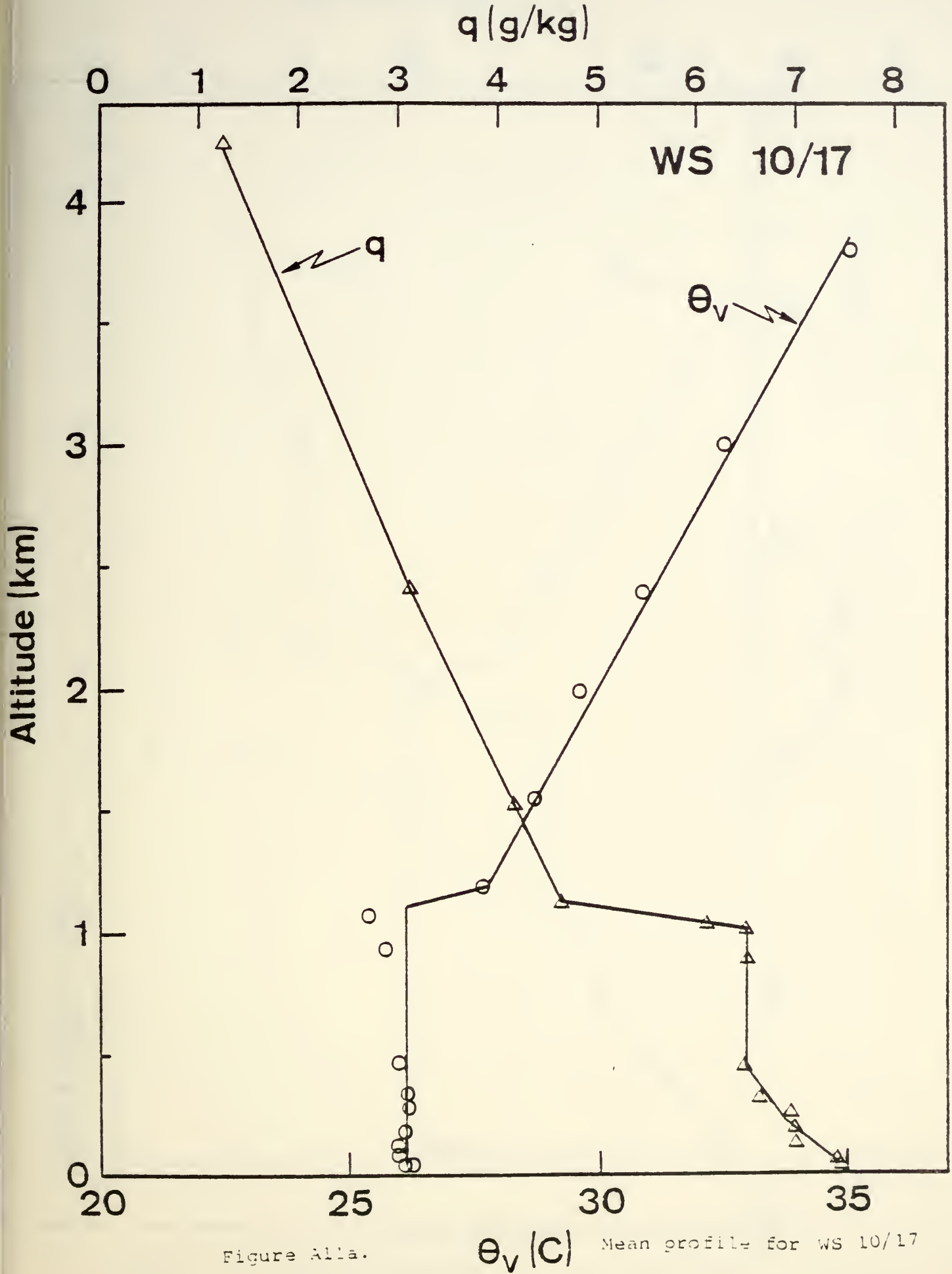
Figure A10b. Turbulence profile for FC 12/13 1459.



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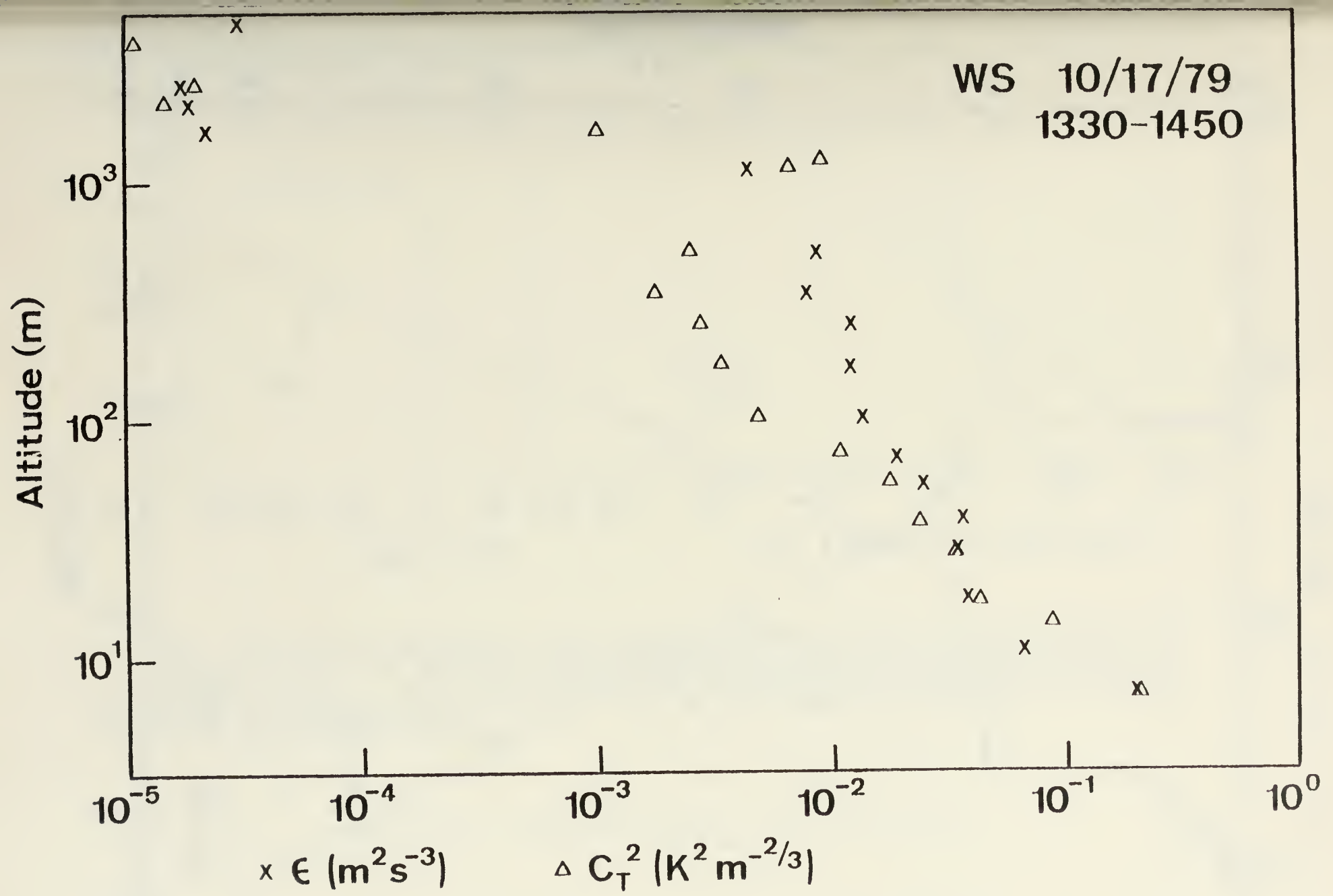

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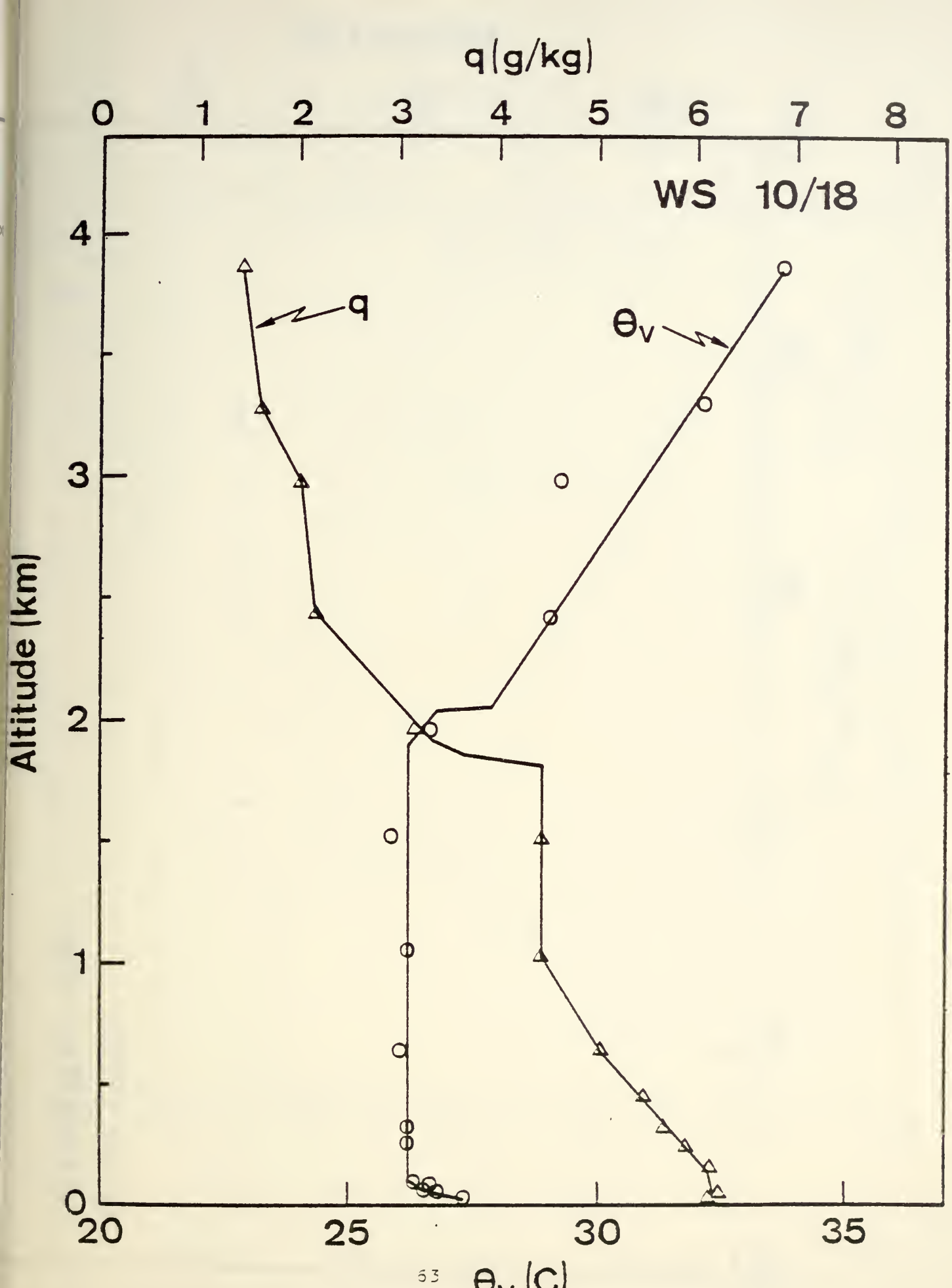

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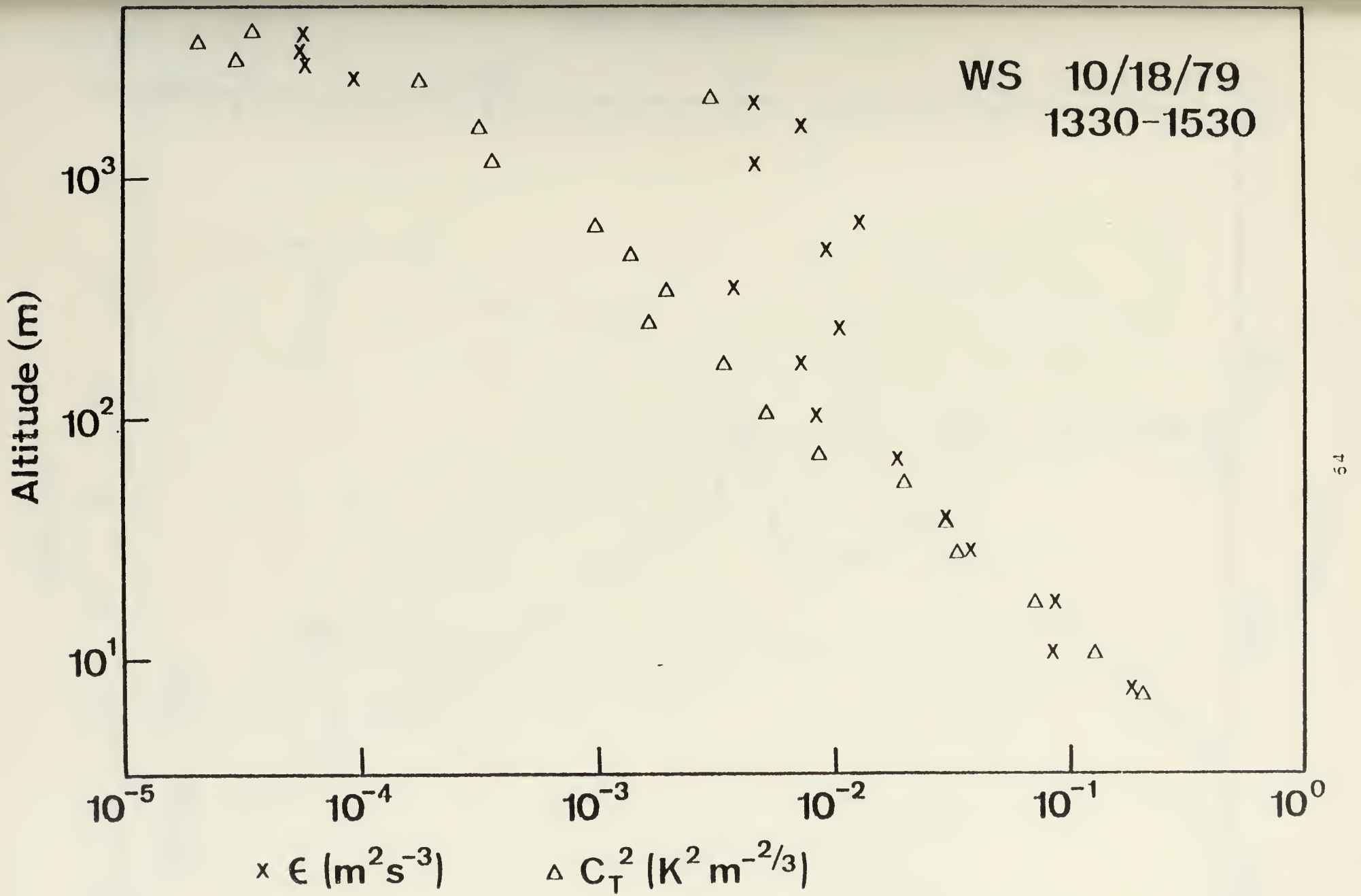

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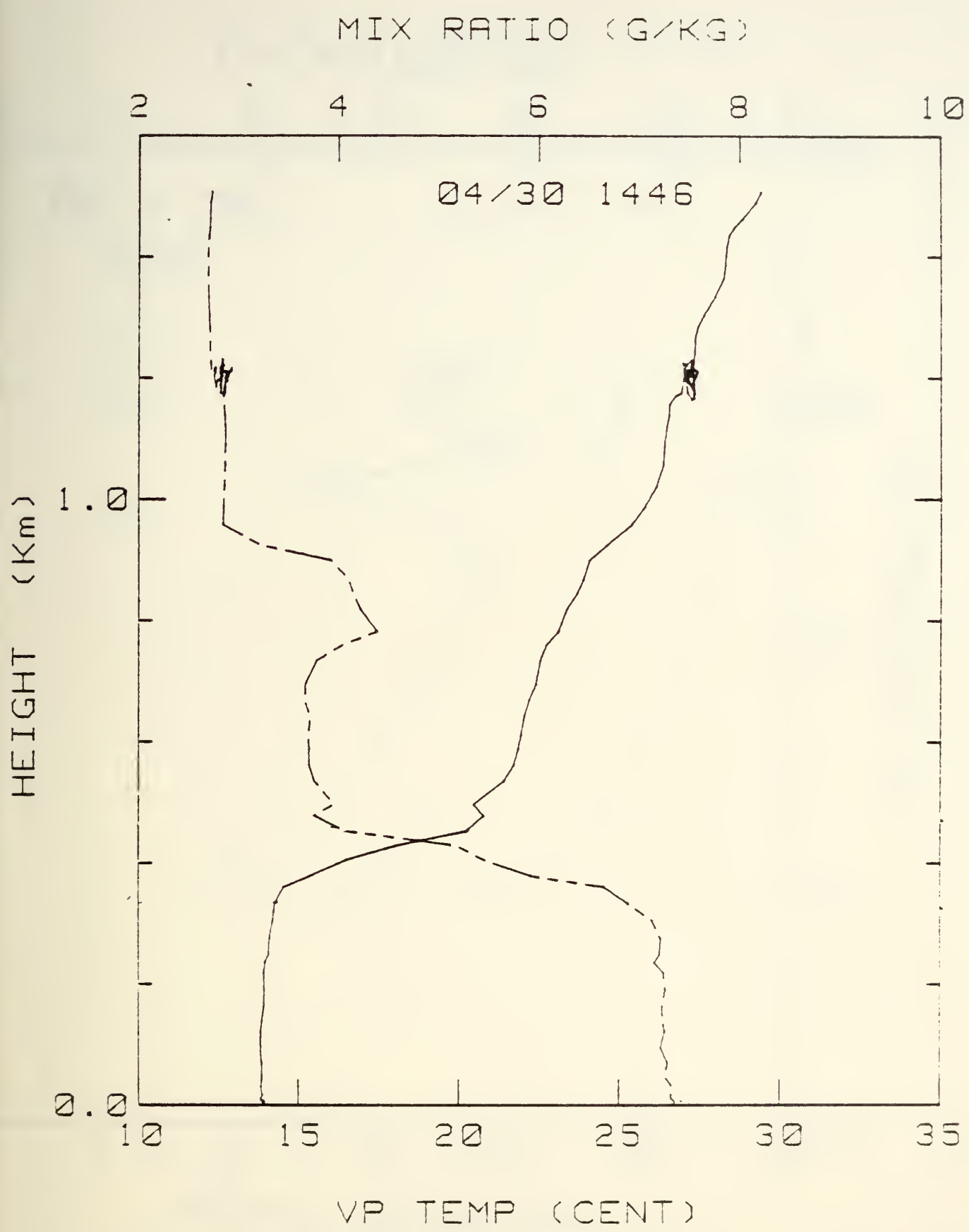

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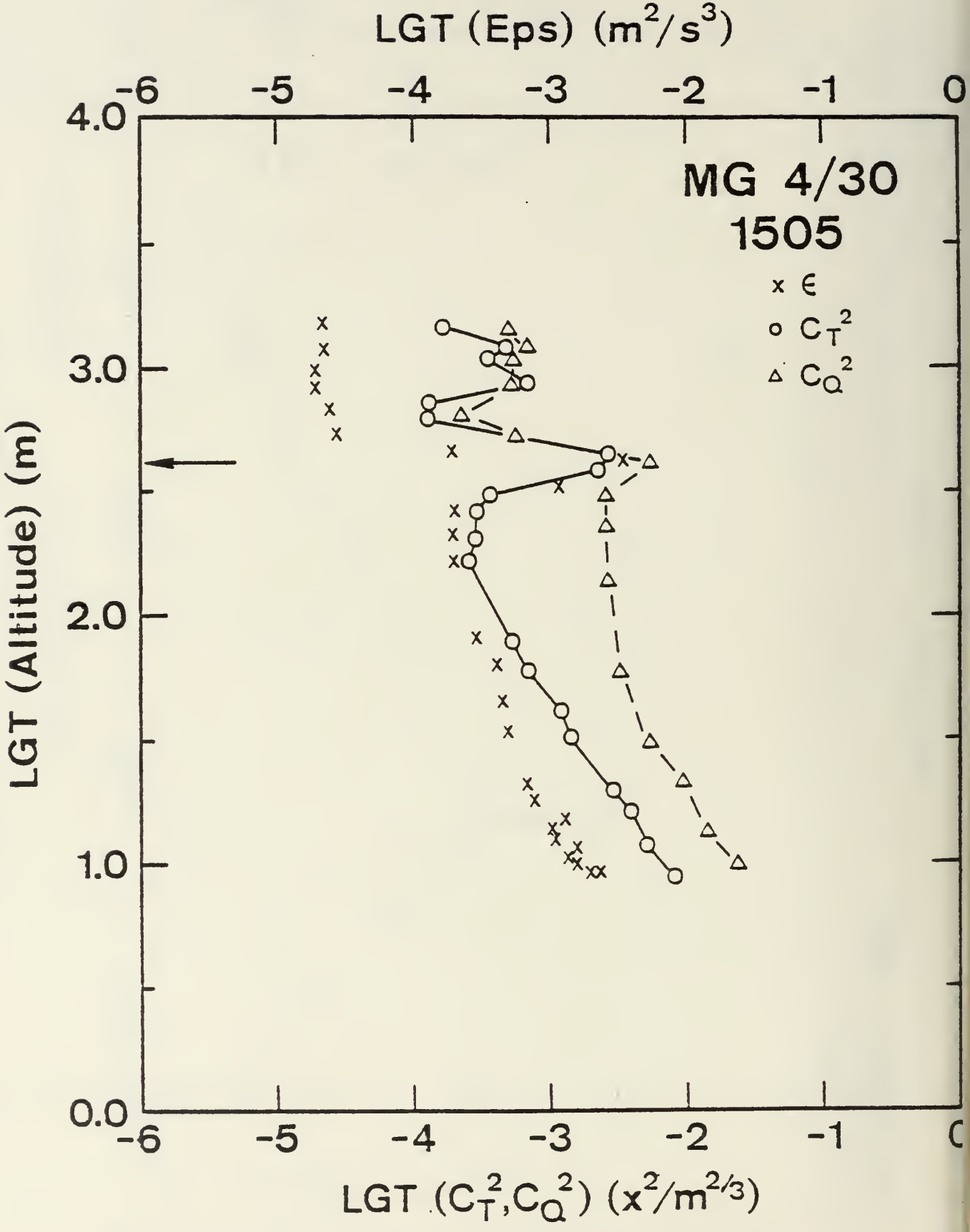

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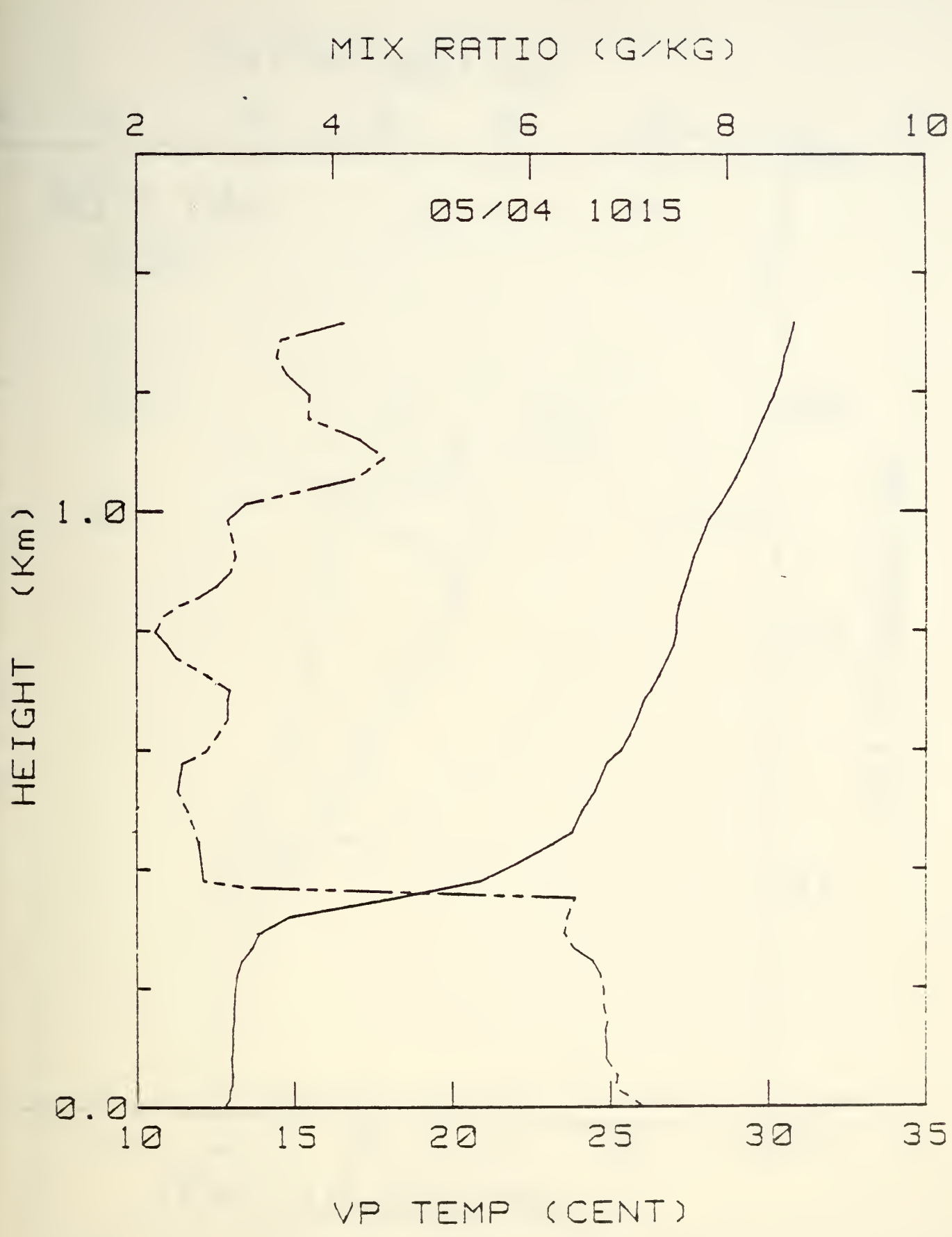

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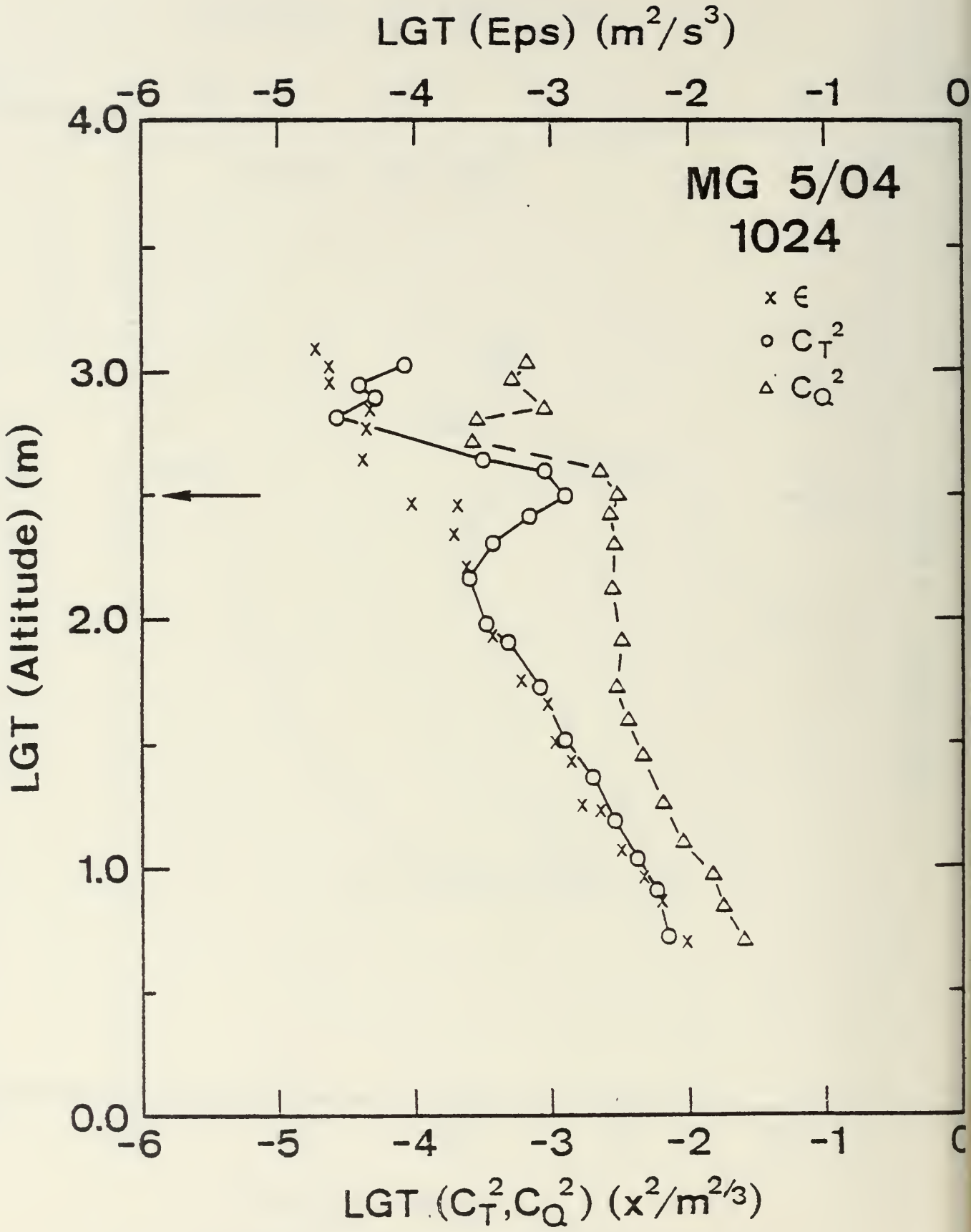

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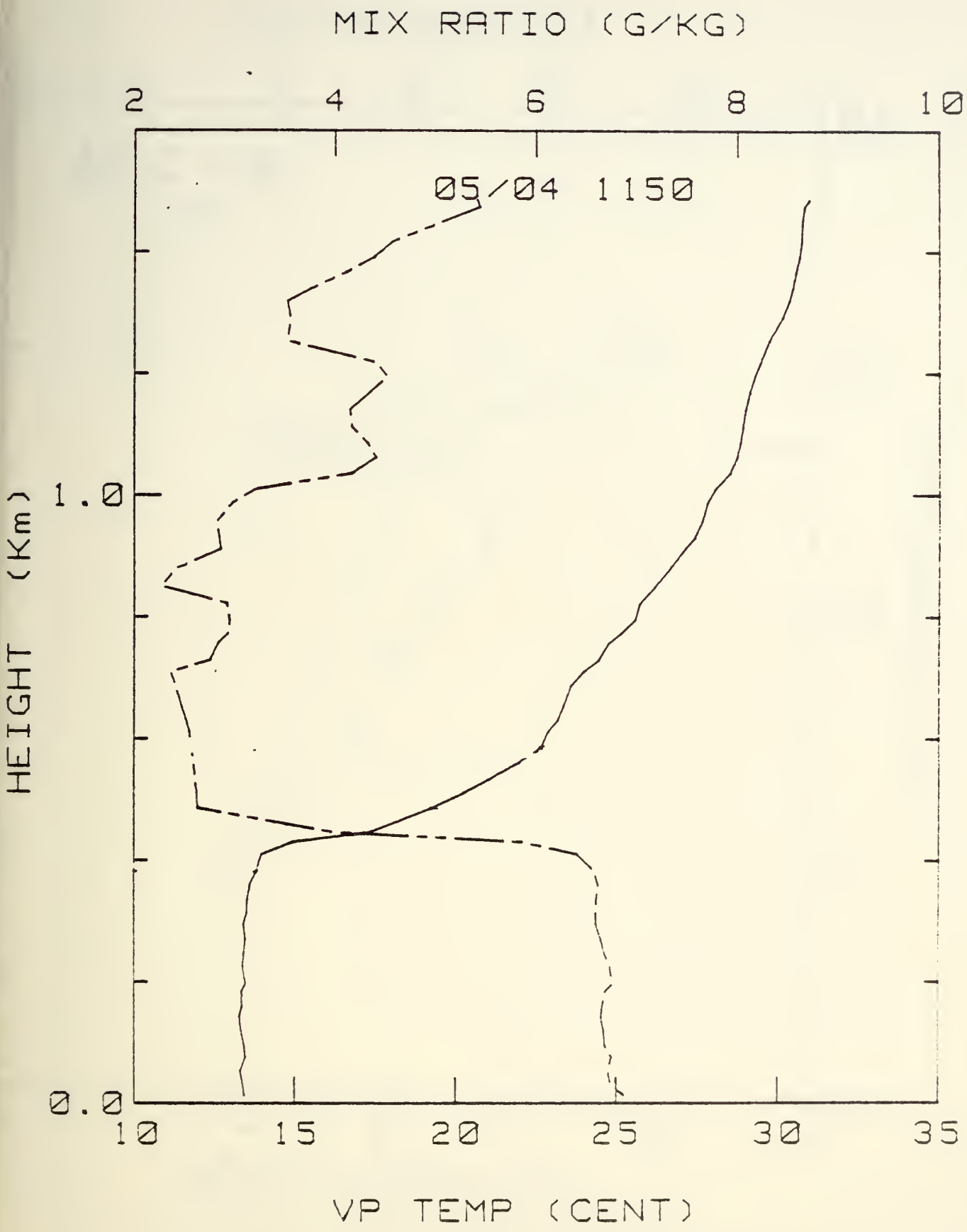

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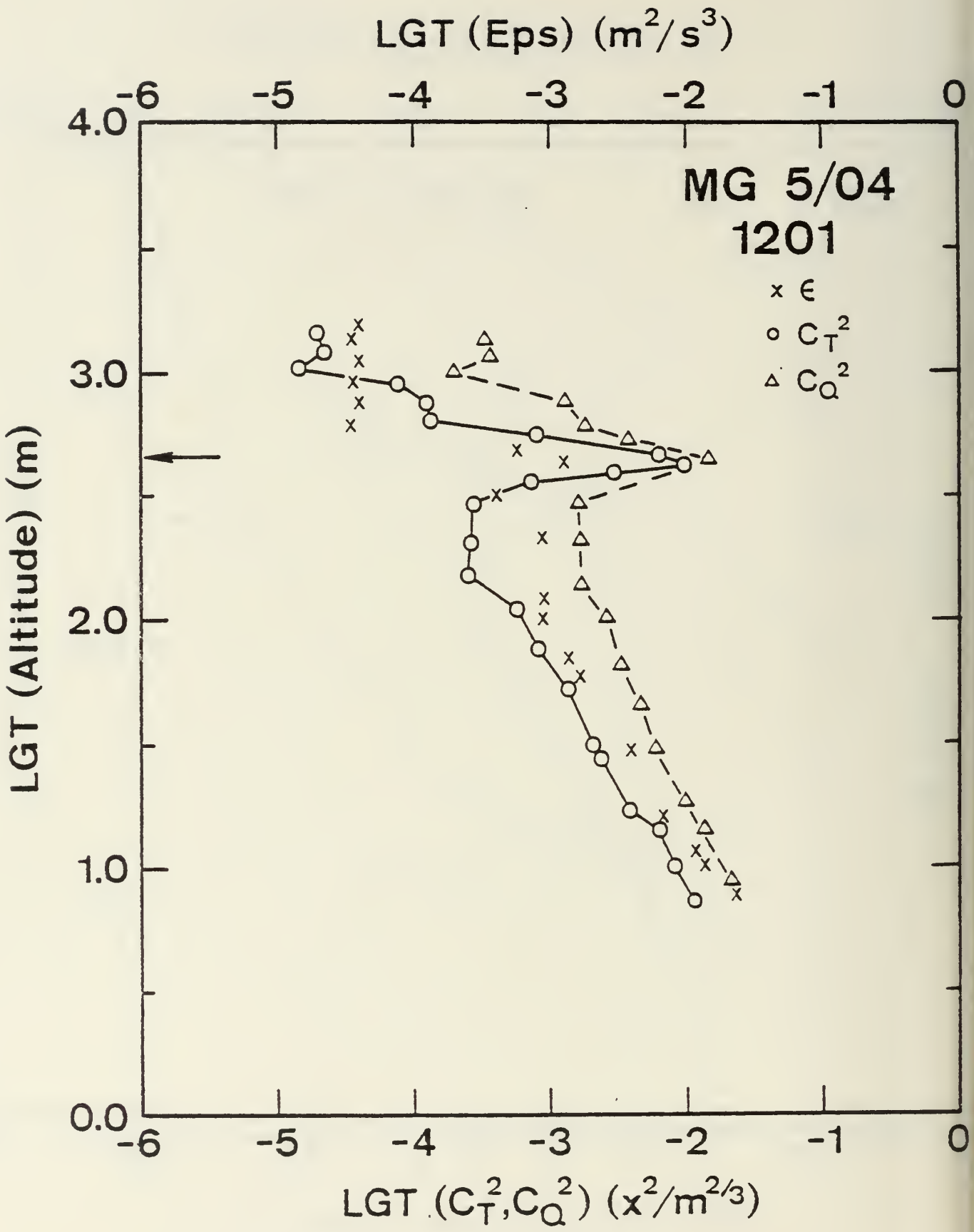

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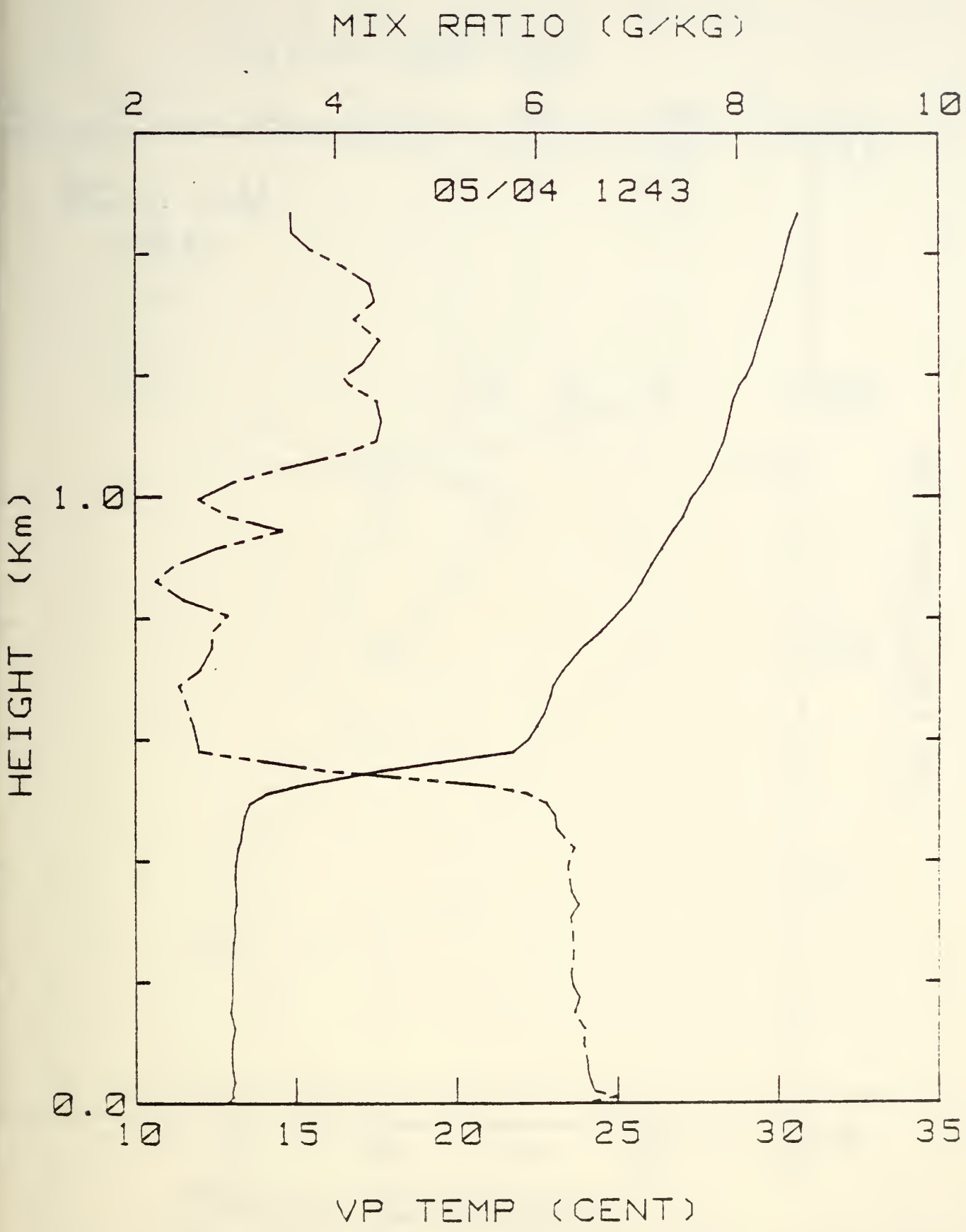

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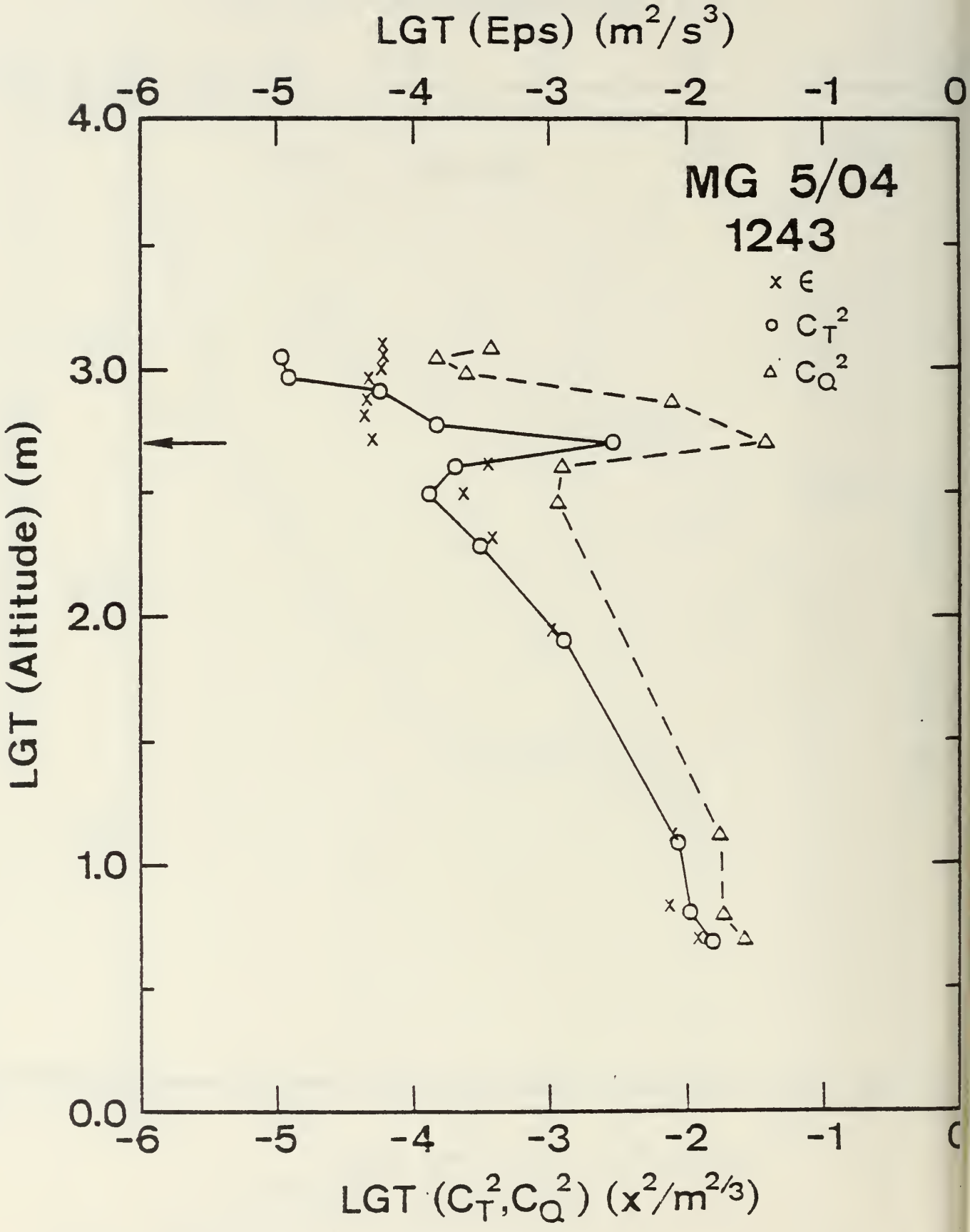

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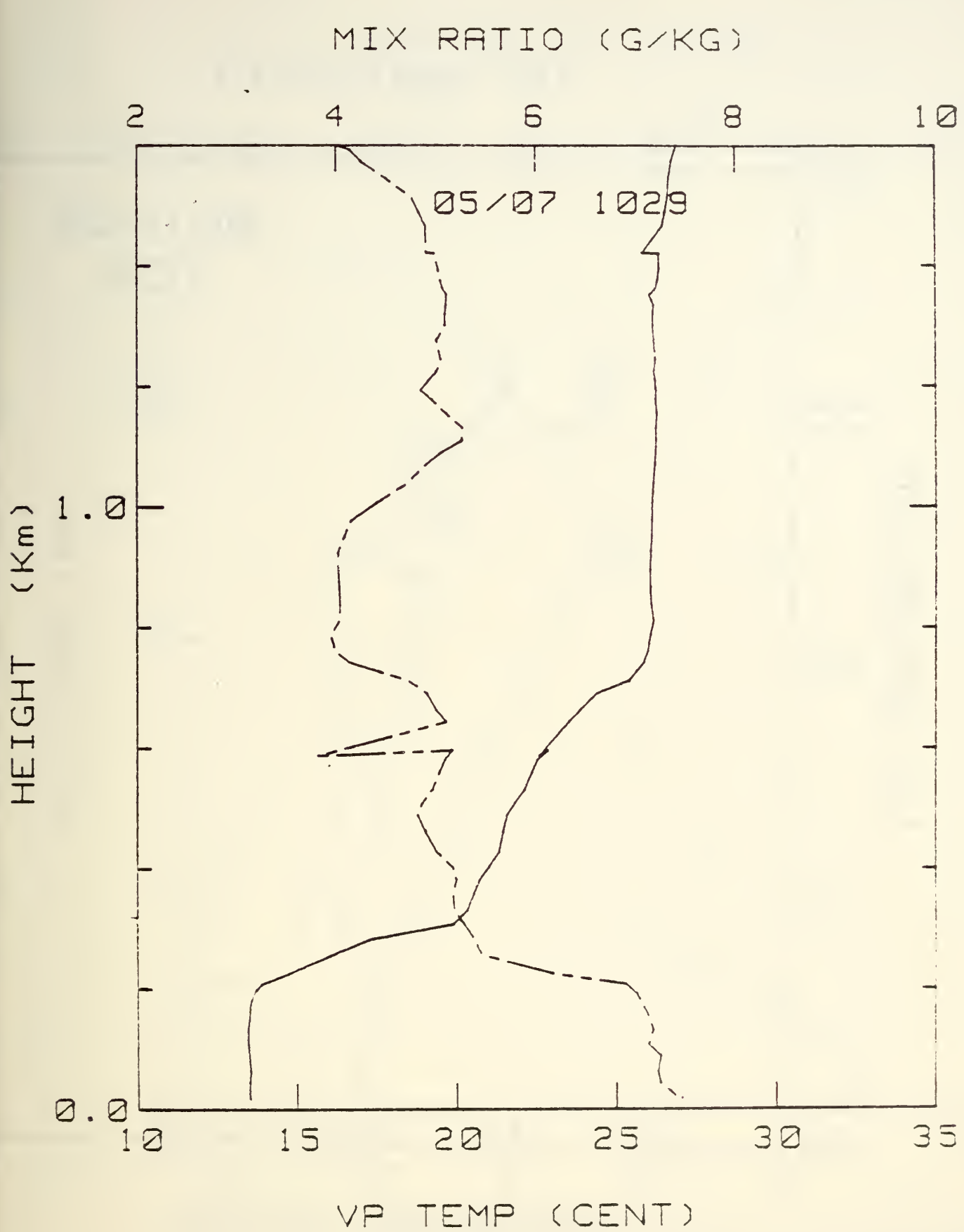

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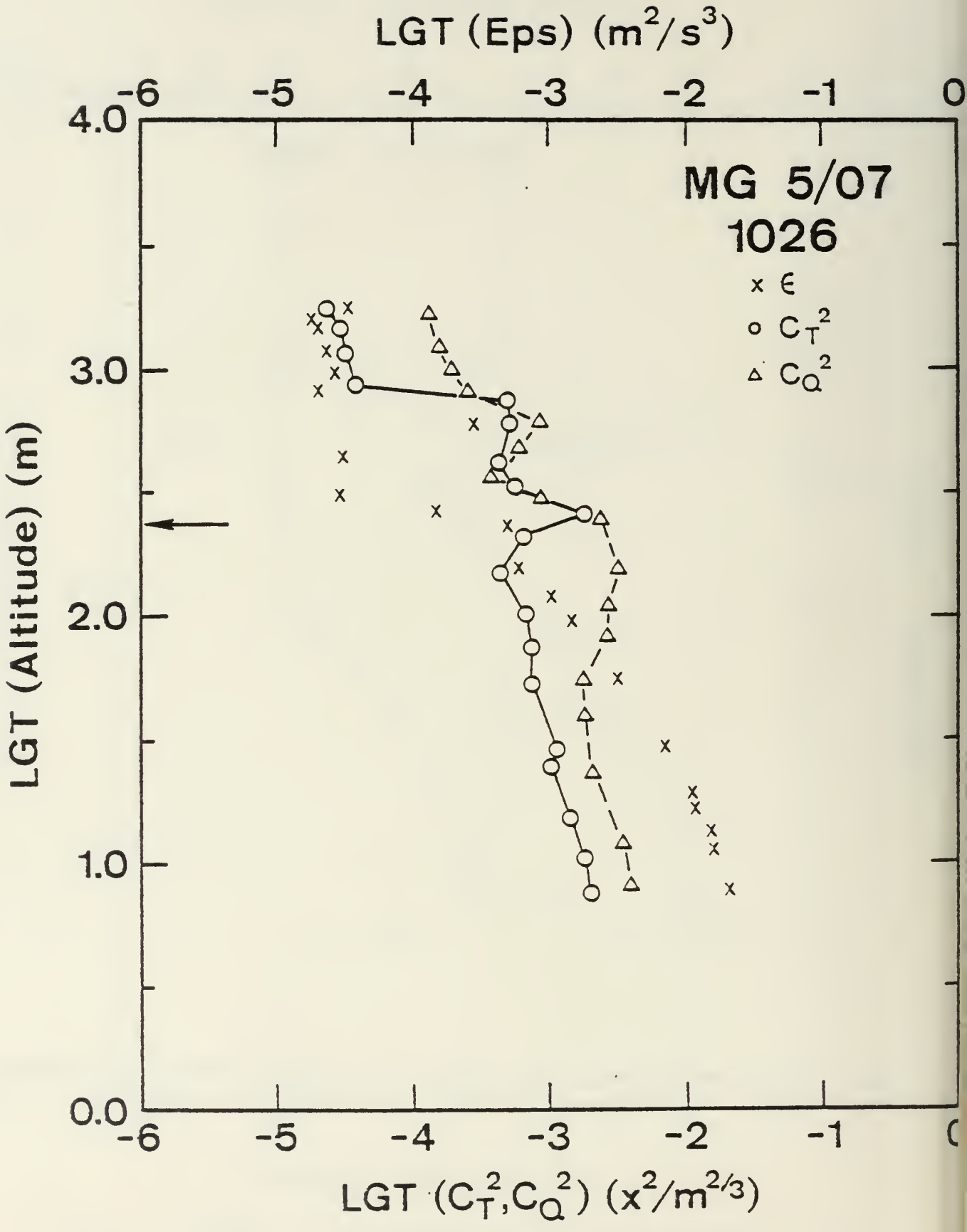

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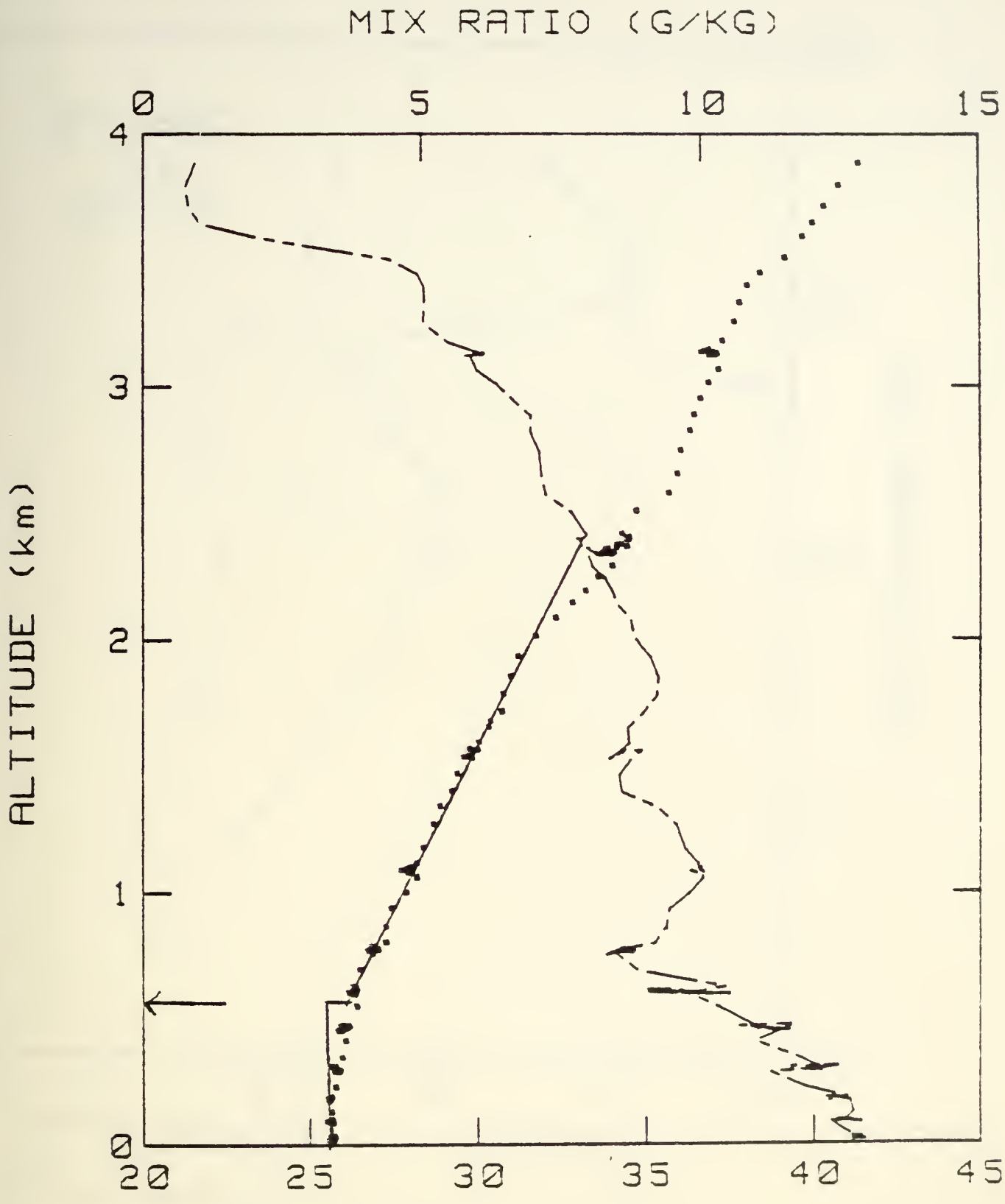

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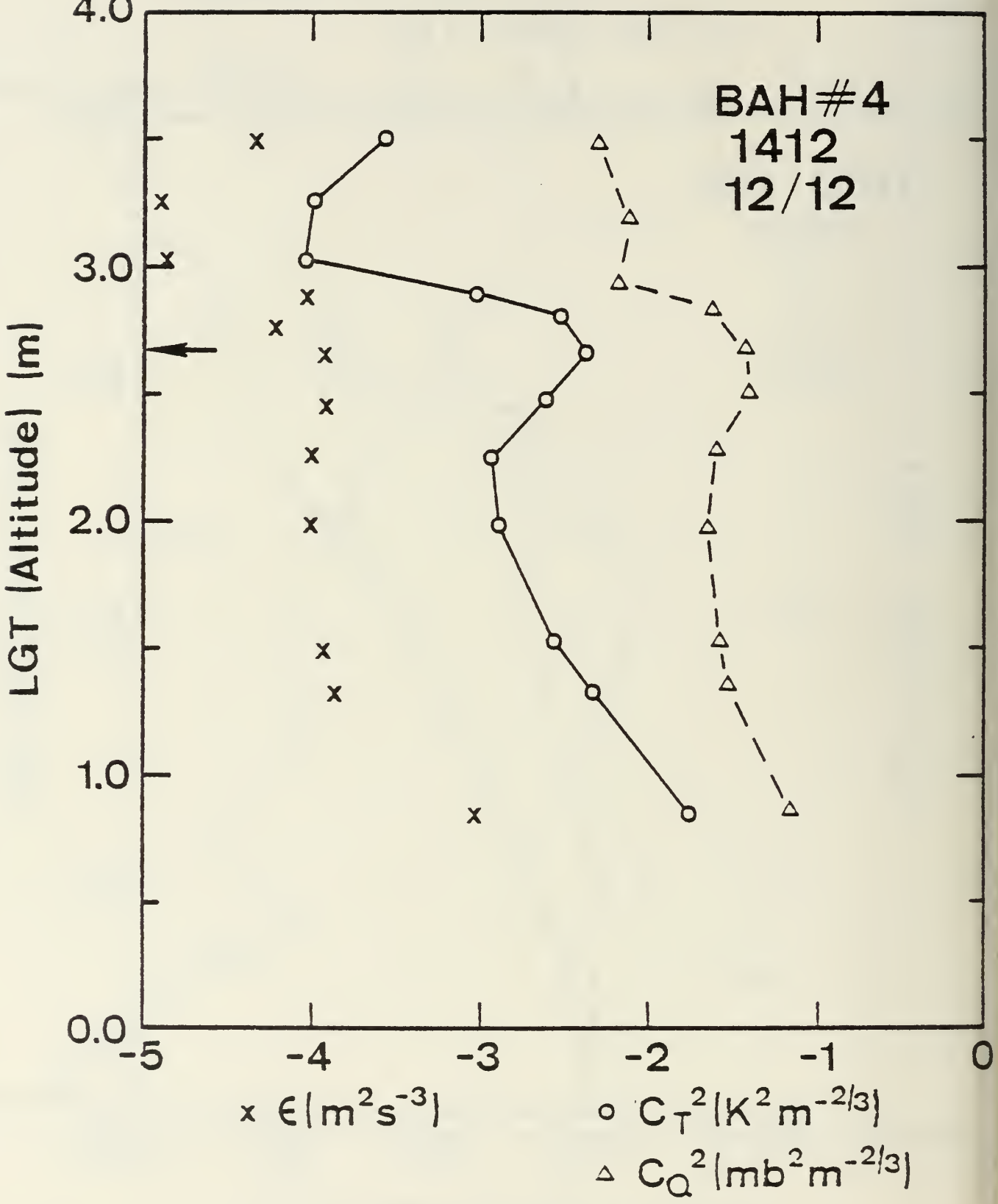

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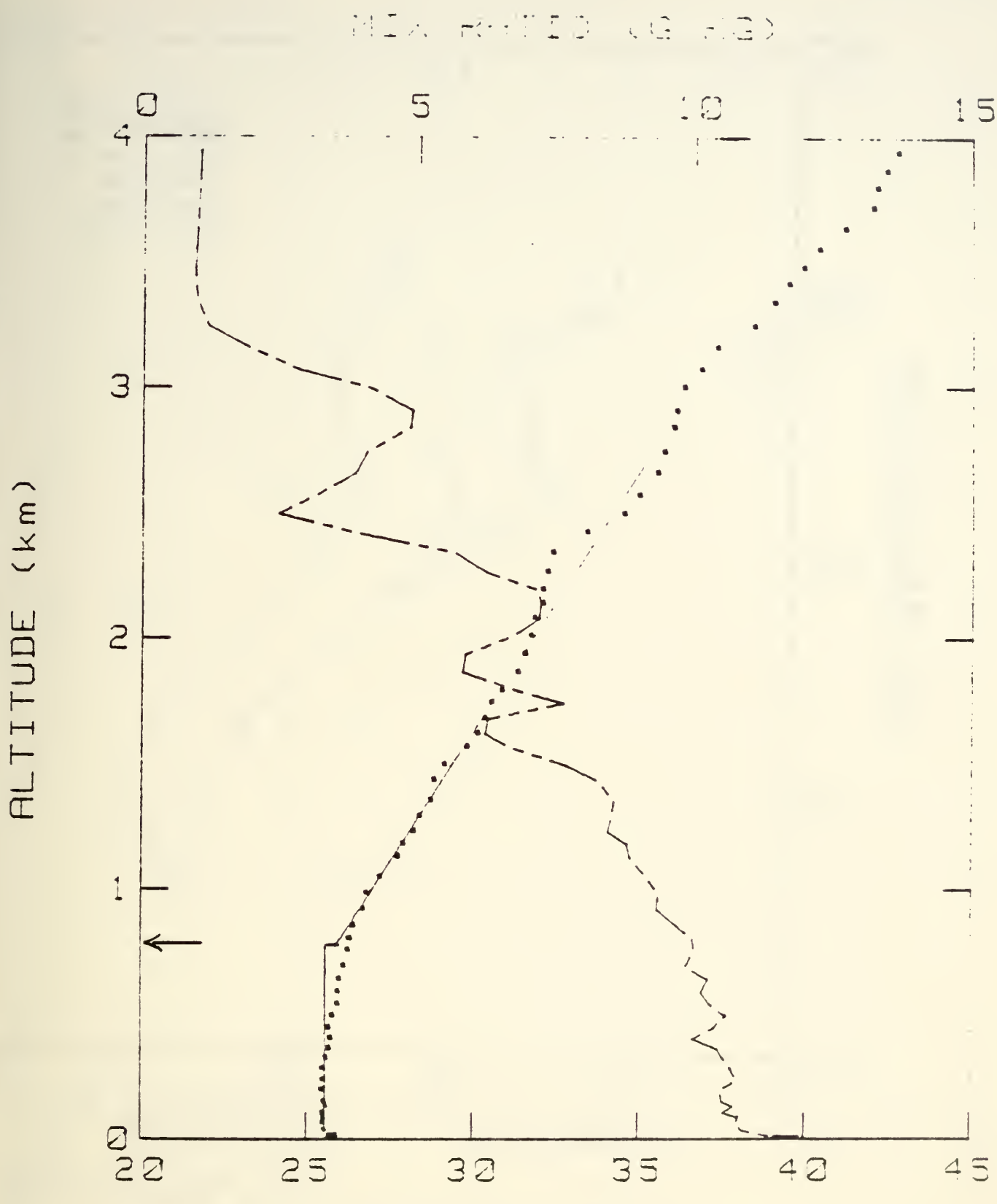

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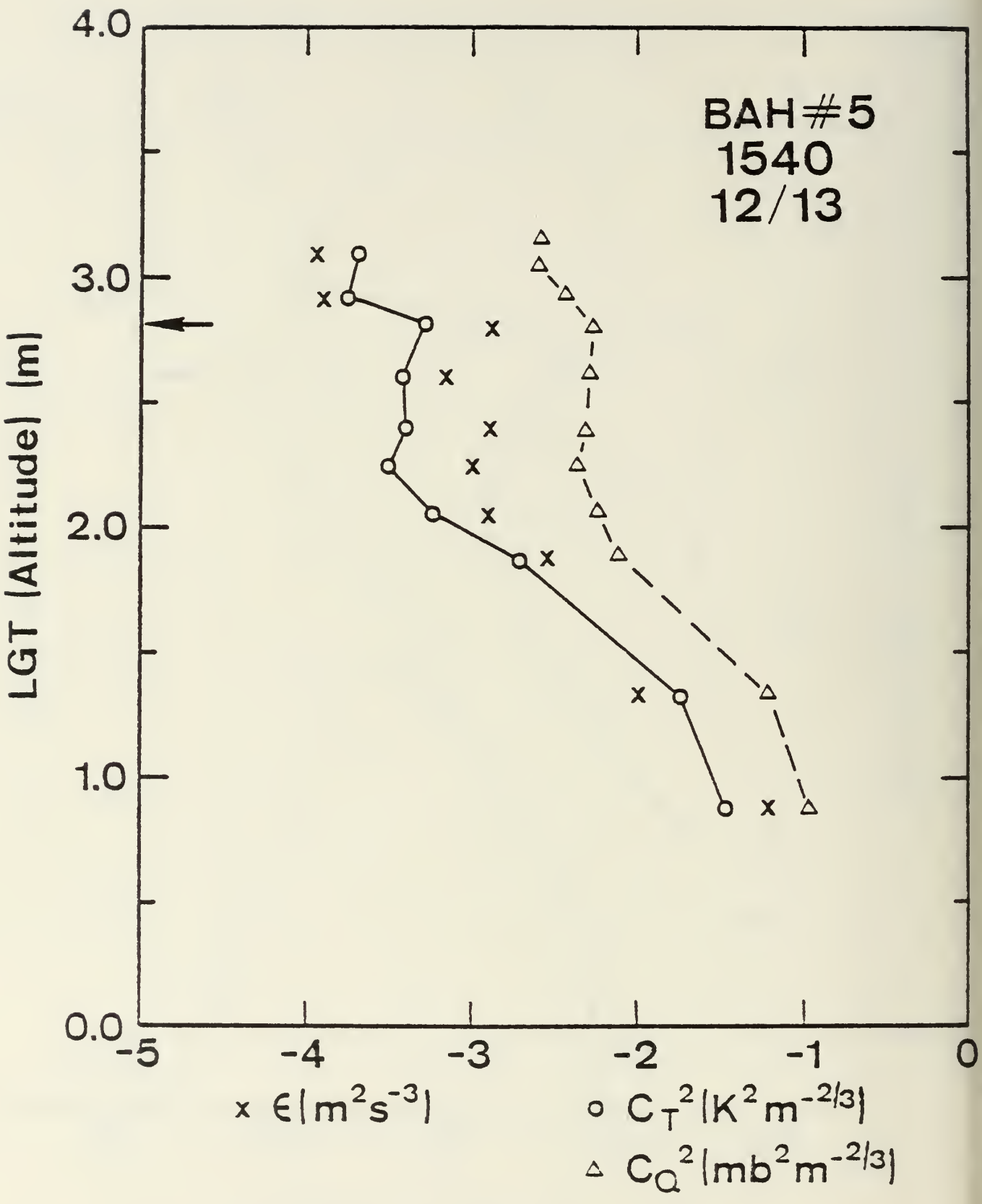

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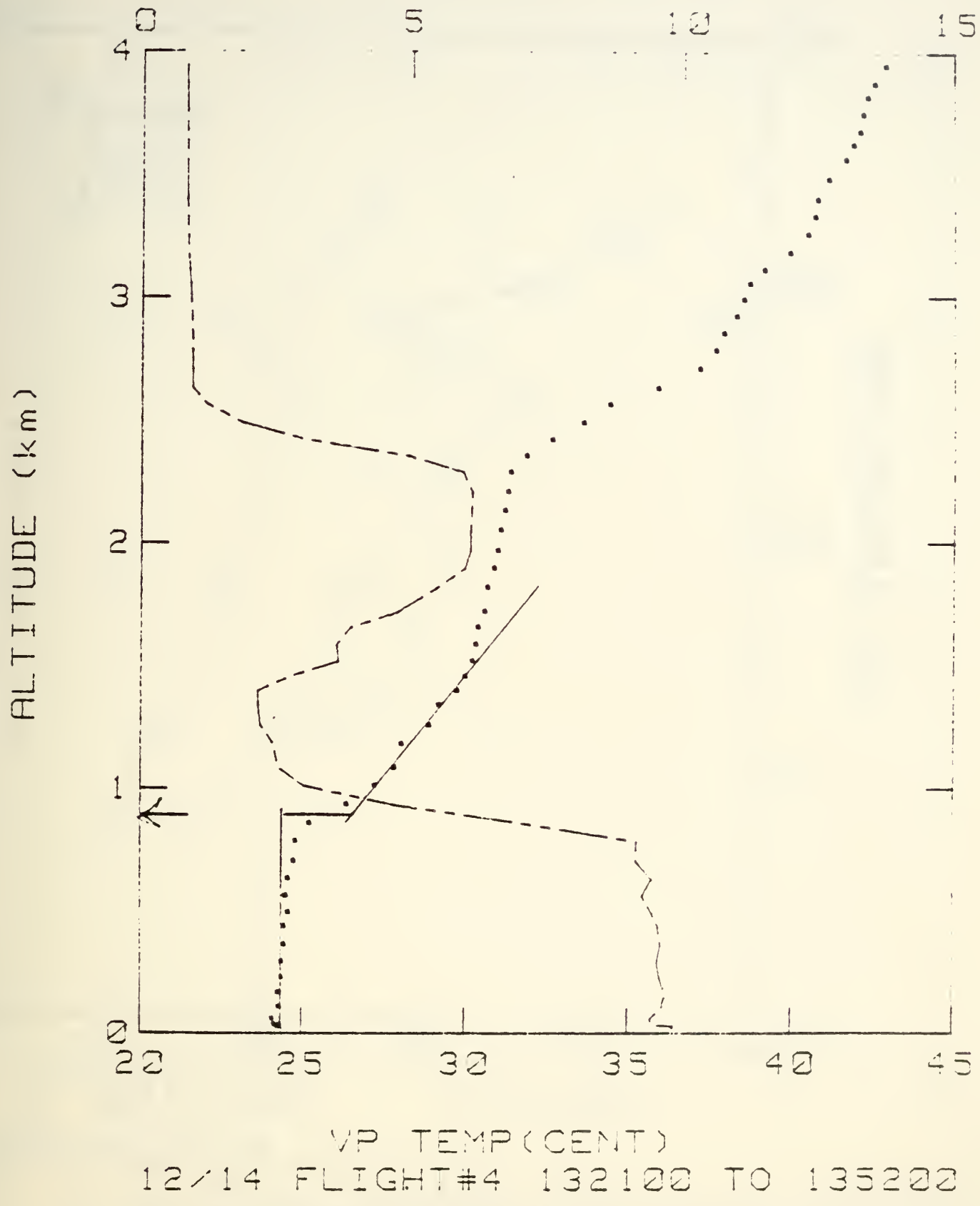

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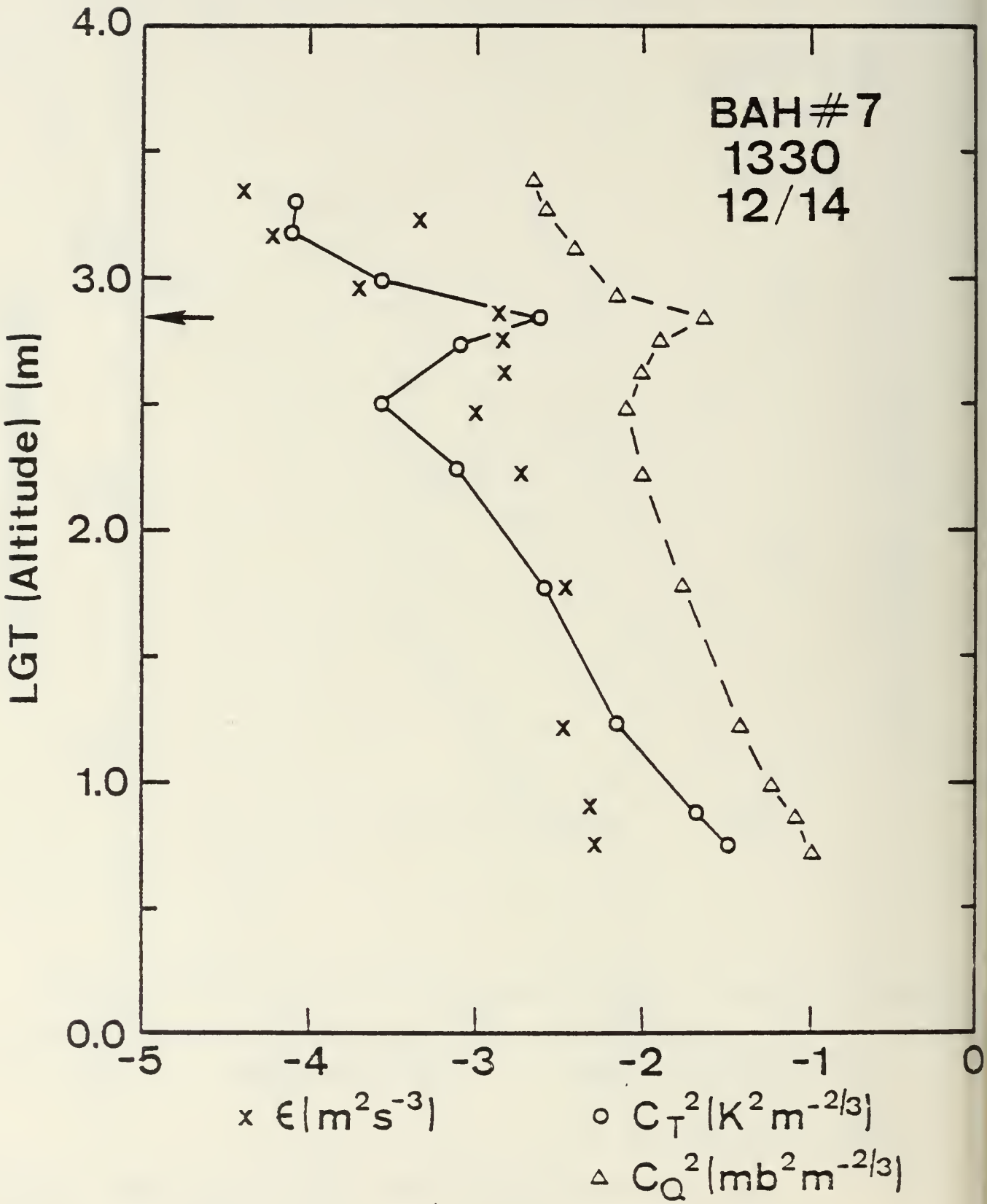

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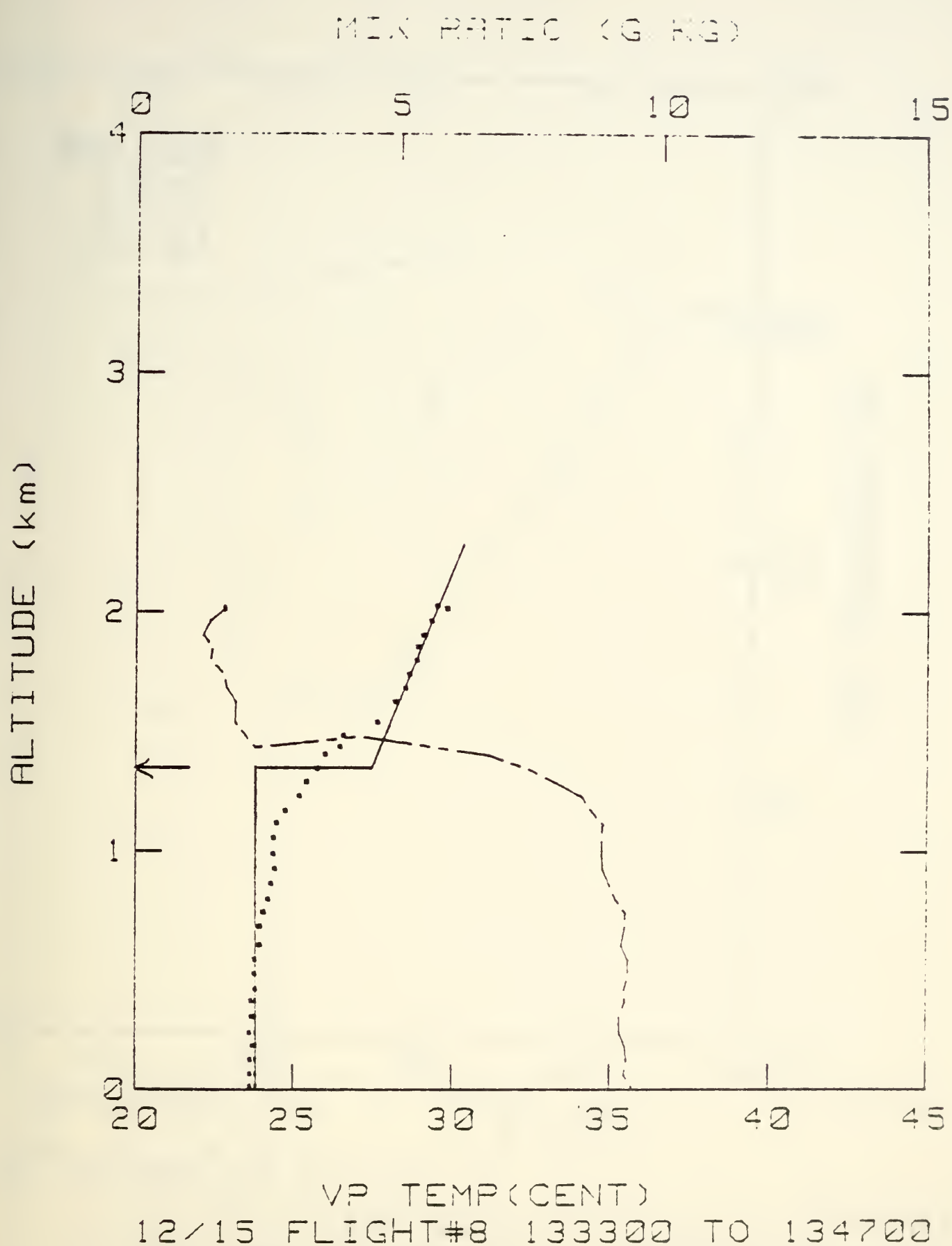

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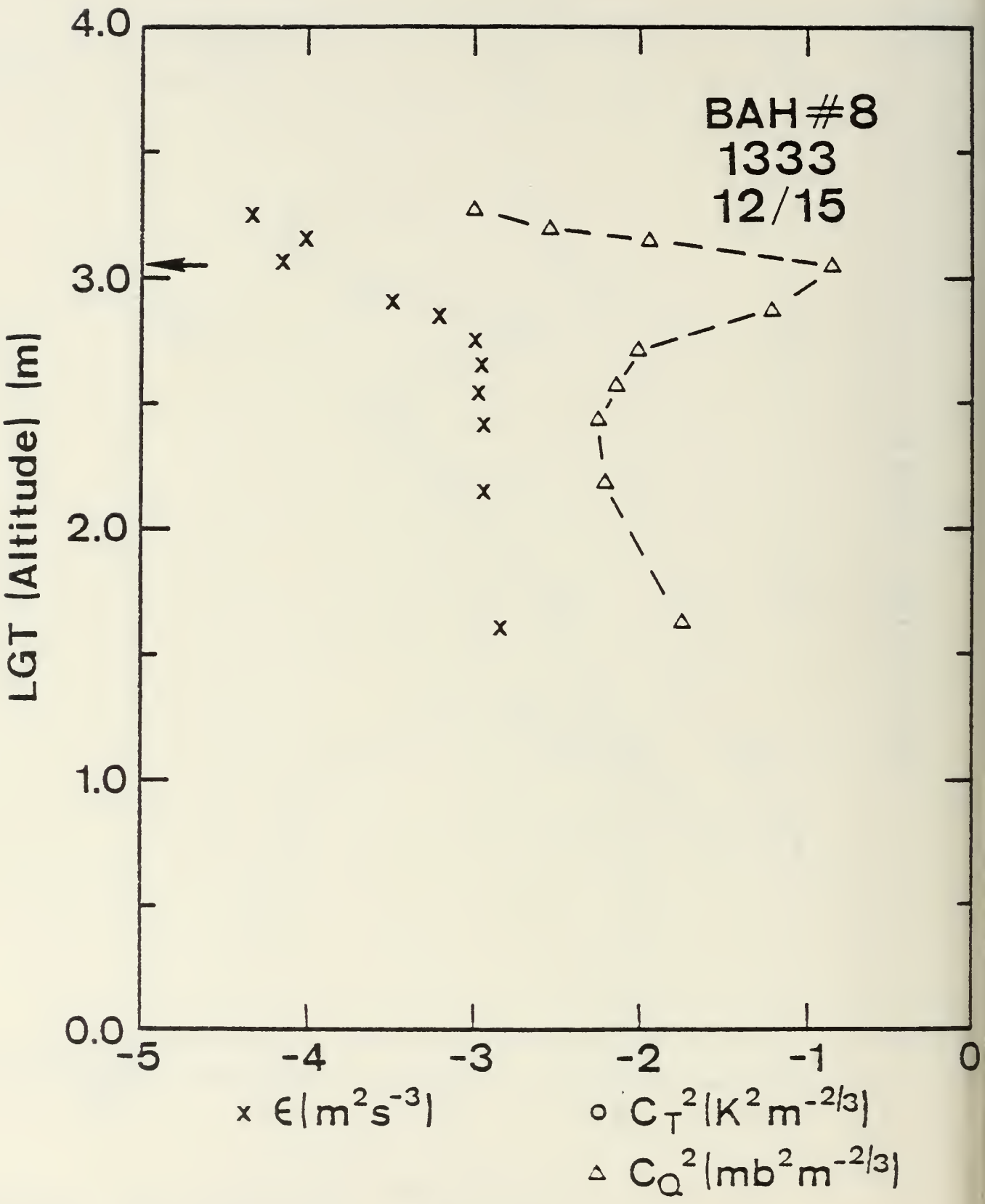

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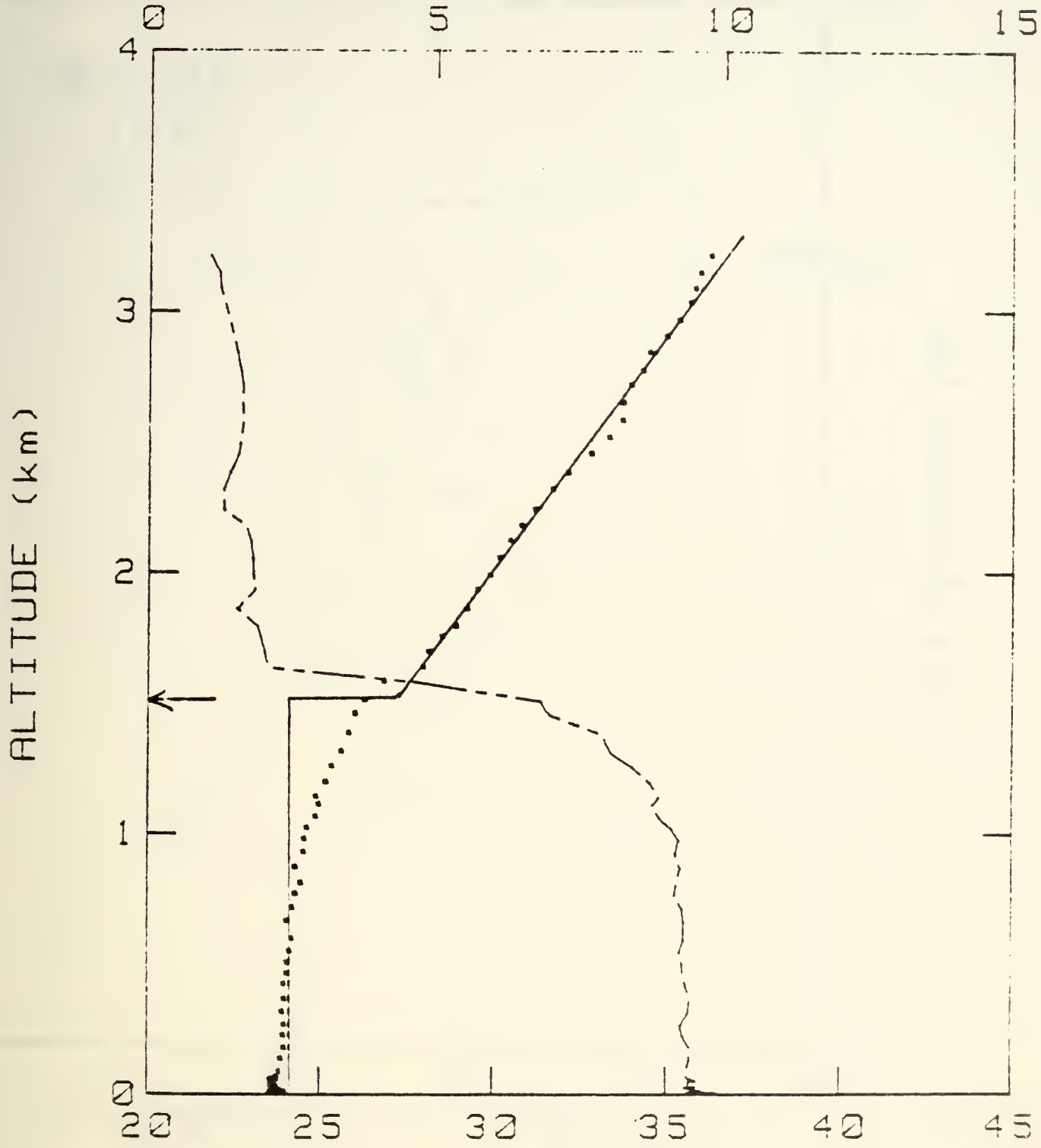

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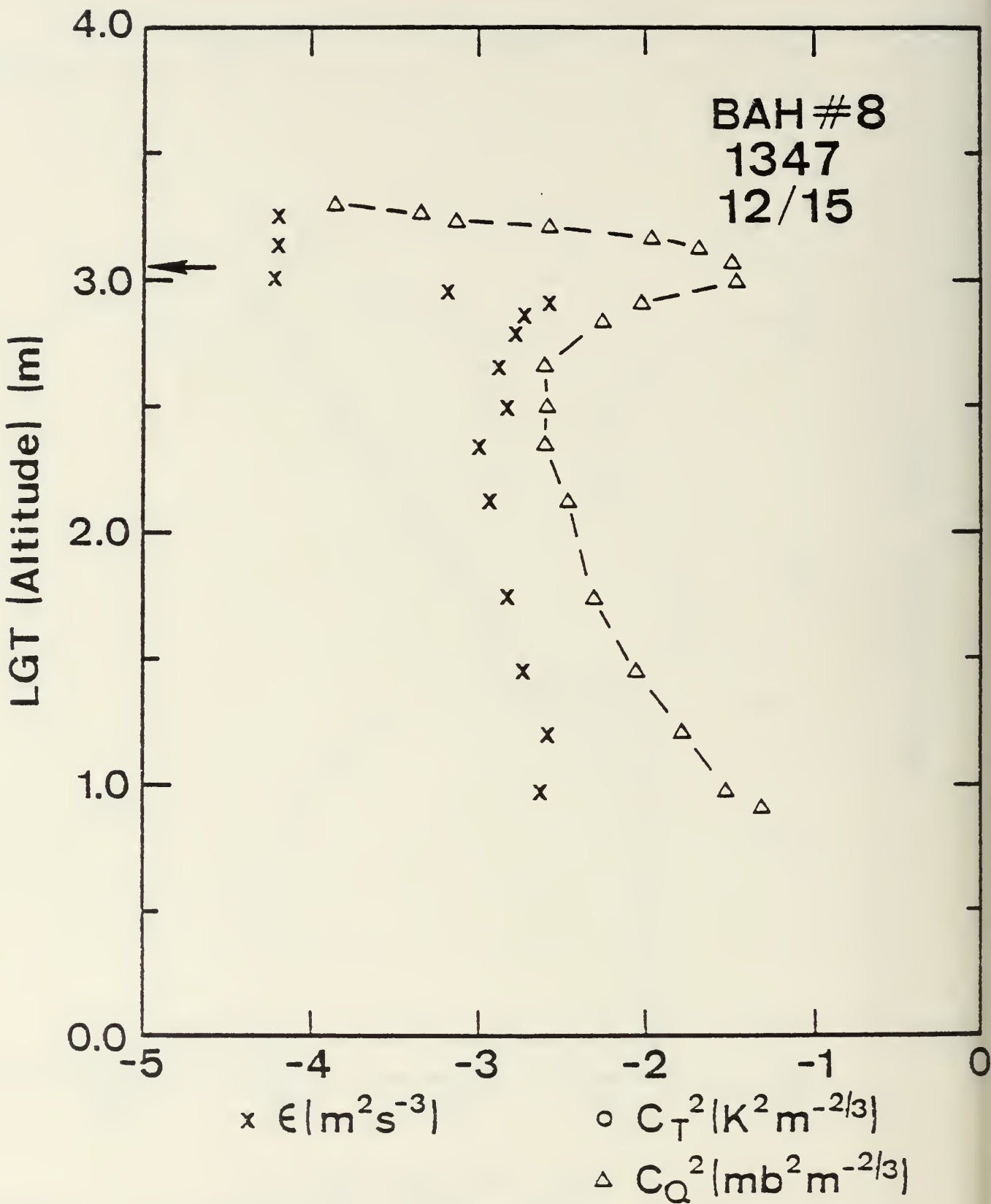

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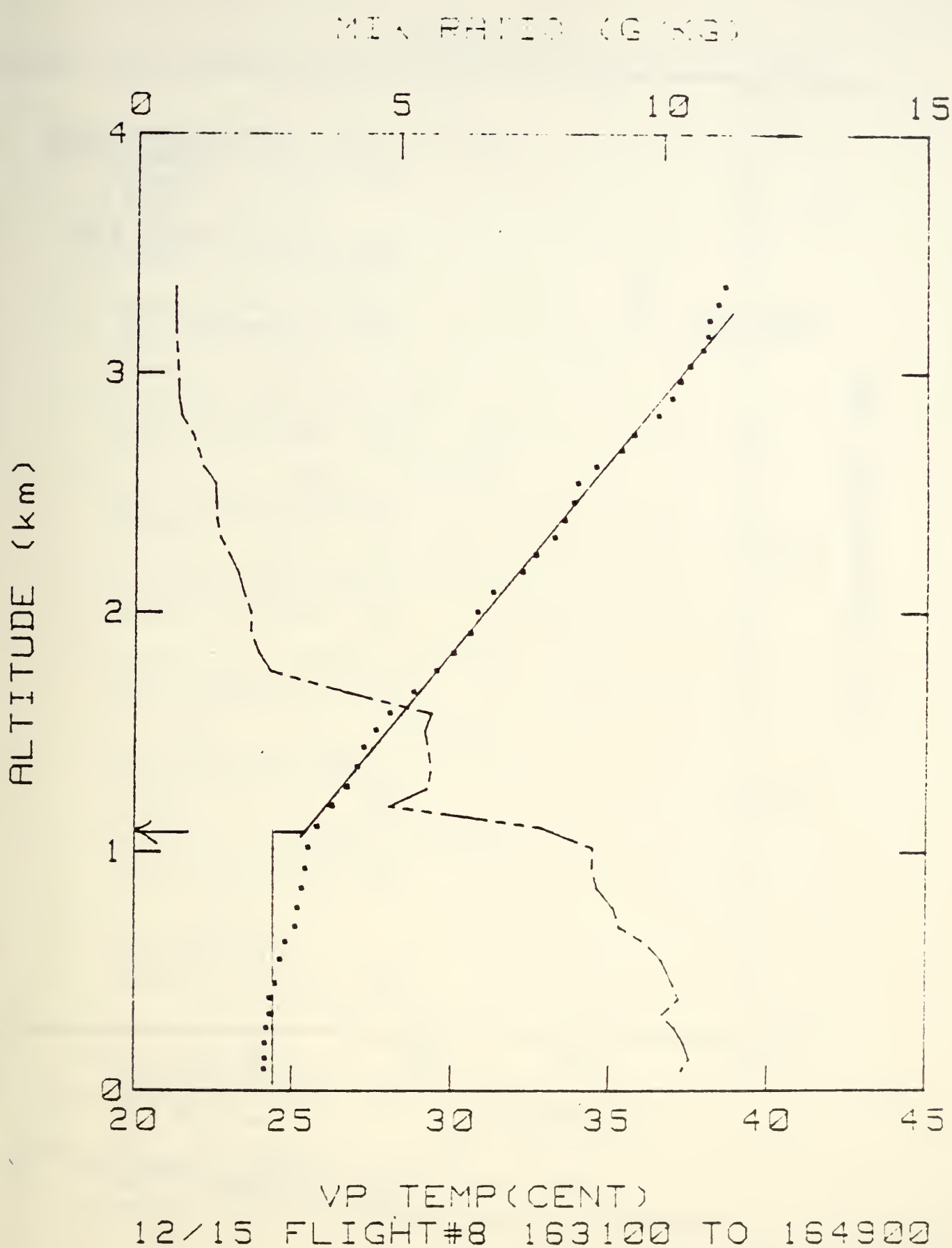

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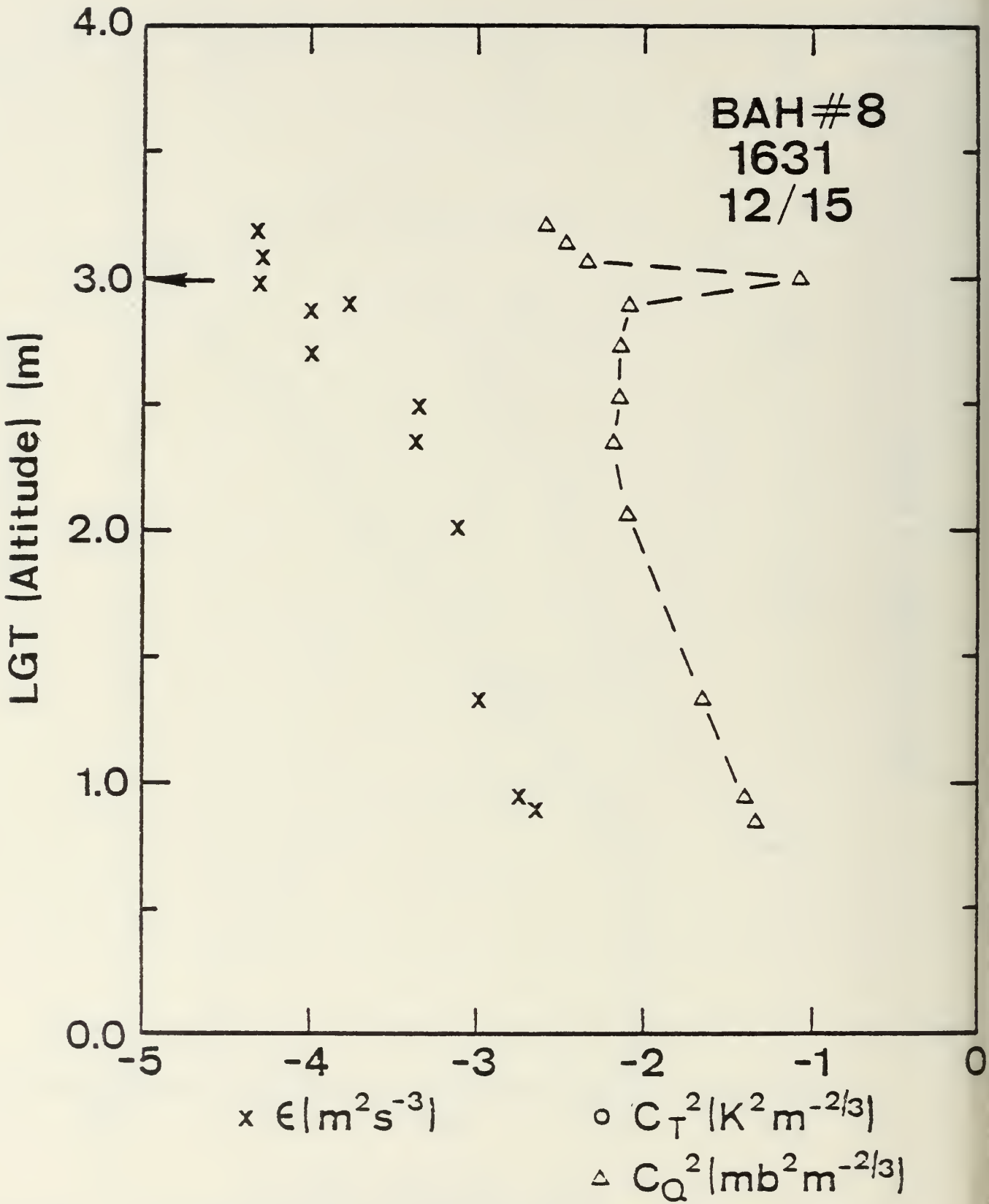

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